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DURRANT'S LAST NIGHT ON EARTH

The Governor Declines to Interfere.

BARRIERS REMOVED

The Prisoner Comports Himself Bravely.

PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE

Rigid Precautions Against the Introduction of Poison Into the Condemned Cell.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 6.—Unless something unforeseen intervenes to prevent it William Henry Theodore Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, will expiate his crime upon the gallows at San Quentin prison tomorrow morning.

This morning his attorneys were still confident that they could save him from the hangman's noose, but after Governor Budd had announced his refusal to interfere with the execution, and the news flashed over the wires from Washington that Attorney Broadman had failed in his mission to the supreme court of the United States, they were compelled to acknowledge themselves nonplussed.

Attorney Dunprey resorted to the expedient of praying to the judges of the federal courts for a bill of exceptions to their ruling denying his petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

After a consultation Judges DeHaven and Morrow decided that the allowance of the bill of exceptions would not act in the nature of permission to appeal to the supreme court, and after examining the documents affixed their signatures to the bill of exceptions as desired.

Immediately thereafter Attorney Dunprey secured from the clerk of the circuit court a certified copy of said bill of exceptions and called upon United States Marshal Baldwin to serve it and a notice of appeal upon Warden Hale at San Quentin. It was claimed by Attorney Dunprey that this notice acted as a stay of proceedings, and that the federal judges having signed his bill of exceptions nothing could prevent him from perfecting his appeal thereon.

THE APPEAL DISREGARDED.

Marshal Baldwin at first demurred to being pressed into service, but acting upon the advice of the United States attorney, he accompanied Attorney Dunprey to San Quentin and served the document upon Warden Hale. That official at once referred the matter to the state attorney general, who advised him that the acceptance of service of such documents as had been submitted to him did not act as a stay of execution and that there was no legal reason why he should not proceed with the execution.

GOVERNOR BUDD INFLEXIBLE.

Governor Budd deferred his decision upon the appeal for executive clemency which had been submitted to him yesterday until a late hour this afternoon in the belief that Durrant's attorneys would call upon him, but either they were too busy to do so or considered that it was a waste of time, for they failed to appear. Meantime Durrant's parents announced their determination to call upon the governor for the purpose of making a final appeal for their son's life, but the governor absolutely refused to see them, and they then left the city for San Quentin, so that they might spend the night with their son and bid him farewell.

Amos Lunte, the hangman, visited Durrant's cell this afternoon for the purpose of taking his measure and determining upon the length of the drop. The machinery of the gallows was tested and everything found to work smoothly today. About 150 invitations have been issued by Warden Hale.

GRIM PREPARATIONS.

SAN QUENTIN, January 6.—On the eve of the execution of Theodore Durrant the only indications of the nearness of the final scene in his life's tragedy are the presence of the grim gallows near the condemned cell, and of the unusual number of civilians who are to witness the hanging tomorrow.

Durrant passed the day, as he has spent most of his days lately, reading his Bible, praying and pacing to and fro across the condemned cell. Chaplain Drahms administered spiritual consolation this morning, the prisoner joining him in prayer. This afternoon Attorney Dunprey, of counsel for Durrant, accompanied by United States Marshal Barry Baldwin, came over from San Francisco and served on Warden Hale a certified copy of the bill of exceptions taken today in the United States circuit court, together with a notice of appeal from the order denying the application for a writ of error.

The warden was asked to defer the execution on the ground that the appeal acted as a stay. The warden took the 3.30 boat for San Francisco to consult with Attorney General Fitzgerald, who advised him to proceed with the execution, disregarding the service as the questions raised had already been settled and the new application was frivolous. This left Durrant only one hope, the governor having declined to interfere. This was the possibility that Attorney Boardman's mission in Washington might be successful and that he might secure a stay from the United States supreme court. Late this afternoon, however, word was received that Justice Brewer had denied the application and that there was at last no obstacle between the condemned murderer and the gallows.

The prison officials on receipt of the news were greatly relieved and everything is now in readiness for the carrying out of the sentence four times pronounced on the murderer of Blanche Lamont.

DURRANT TALKS.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., January 6.—At the request of Theodore Durrant an Associated Press staff correspondent was brought tonight to the cage-like structure surrounded by a close wire netting in which the condemned man is confined. His mother sat outside conversing with her son in whispers.

Durrant looked well, but his eyes were red from weeping and his lips were parched. The failure today of the various moves in his behalf was referred to.

"It was a great surprise, but I am prepared for it," replied Durrant.

"How do you feel?"

HOPEFUL AND READY.

"Hopeful, buoyant and ready to meet my Maker," answered the condemned murderer. "I know the Lord is with me. No one knows what faith is until it is tried. I am going to a Judge who has never committed a wrong and who cannot. My faith has been so strong that I have been kept up and will be sustained to the end." Then turning to his mother he said, "Mother, I have come to the conclusion that it needs trial to know God. And you may say that to the world," he added.

A sudden thought seemed to strike Durrant, for he added in a voice different from the earnest religious accents of his previous remarks: "I have had offers of remuneration for a talk with me from the East. I have had three or four telegrams."

"All of his words are of great value," interrupted his mother.

Durrant said he was willing to comply but his mother being called away for a moment he resumed his former strain.

"PERFECT IN CHRIST."

"I will make no reference to the past. All will be made clear, if not in this world then in the next. I feel that I am perfect in Christ."

"What will you say at the last?" was the rather difficult question to ask, but the answer was quick and in a firmer voice than he had been using: "I shall only proclaim my innocence loudly, strenuously," answered Durrant. "Make this as strong as you please. I will not falter at the end. I will die bravely, knowing I am going to a better world. I thank God my hands are clean, are not stained with blood. The fair name of California will stand stained with a crime that can never be wiped out—the blood of an innocent man—say boy." At this point Mrs. Durrant returned to the side of her son and said rather sharply: "There; you have said enough, Theodore; too much already, I am afraid."

"That's all, mother," submissively replied the condemned murderer, as he said good bye and turned his head away.

THE MIDNIGHT HOUR.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, January 6.—Shortly before midnight Durrant prepared to retire, telling Captain Edgar that he wanted to get some sleep before morning. He shows no signs of weakening, and all who have seen him tonight agree that he will die game. Captain Edgar still considers him a remarkable criminal and is firmly of the opinion that he will go to the gallows bravely. His mother remained with him until 11.30 and will see him in the morning. No one will be admitted into the prison after midnight until the gates are opened at 7 o'clock in the morning. The officials are confident that Durrant will not attempt suicide, even if he had the opportunity, which he has not.

Nothing more is likely to be heard from the condemned man's quarters until after 7 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Durrant have gone to San Rafael for the night, accompanied by Rev. Edward Davis. It is not known positively whether Mr. Davis will appear on the scaffold with Durrant, or whether Rev. Mr. Rader will carry out his original intention of acting as spiritual advisor.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SUICIDE.

That Durrant will not commit suicide those responsible for his custody are certain, whether he ever contemplated such a thing or not. To establish to a certainty whether such a thought was ever in his mind an inspection was made today of his personal effects taken from him when he was first sent to the condemned cell, to determine if there is concealed in them any subtle poison by which his taking off would have been made easy.

It is a matter of criminal history in this state that a condemned murderer awaiting execution once defeated justice by absorbing poison from the leaves of a book previously saturated with it and presented to him by his friends. Captain Edgar, while expressing his belief that Durrant has not at any time contemplated suicide, nor given a thought to the taking of his own life, omitted no precaution to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

Just prior to Durrant's removal to the condemned cell his mother presented to him a sachet bag made of silk, ornamented with tassels and embroidery, and a Bible bound in Morocco with padded cover.

When it was suggested to Captain Edgar that possibly this might be the hiding place of some deadly poison he laughed, saying: "There is no poison in those articles; of that I am certain. Whether there is or not is a matter of no concern or interest, as Durrant has no means of making use of it even if it were there. I have all of Durrant's possessions in my office. They will remain there until they are delivered to his parents after his execution."

A FORLORN HOPE.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—This evening Mr. Boardman had a conference with Justice Harlan and in the morning will see such other members of the supreme court as he can before the noon session. Owing to the urgency of the case he will be given instant hearing when the court convenes at 12 o'clock. Allowing for the difference in time this will give him an hour and a half for a telegraphic stay of proceedings in case of favorable action.

DURRANT BREAKS DOWN.

Rolls on the Floor of His Cell in Hysterics.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5.—A special to the *Call* from San Quentin prison says that Theodore Durrant has broken down completely. When visited by his parents or other friends he controls himself and simulates calmness, but when alone with his guards he gives way to the most violent hysterical outbreaks, rolling upon the floor of his cell, screaming and crying. His nerve seems to have completely forsaken him and the opinion is expressed by the prison officials that the condemned man, whose attitude of entire self possession and cool indifference ever since his arrest has been so remarkable, will have to be carried to the gallows.

A GENUINE CIRCUS.

Employes Complain of Wrongful Dismissal.

LONDON, January 5.—According to an application made at Bow street today by Walter Butler, described as a clown, and two others, there are 150 employes of Barnum & Bailey's circus, who after three weeks of unpaid rehearsals, have been dismissed, with a week's notice.

Sir James A. Vaughan, the presiding magistrate, said the matter must be investigated by a civil court and advised the men dismissed to engage a lawyer.

Several supers have written to the newspapers claiming that the dismissals have been wholesale and that their places have been filled by "Yankee circus artists," after the show was successfully started. George Starr ridicules the matter. He says the men dismissed were all incompetent. He adds that they were paid during rehearsals and that their places were filled by new hands. They were not replaced by Americans.

THE LODGE BILL

An Association Formed in New York.

The Object is to Defeat the Measure Restricting Illiterate Immigration.

NEW YORK, January 6.—A preliminary meeting for the setting on foot of an active opposition to the immigration bill introduced in congress by Senator Lodge making it necessary for immigrants to be able to read five lines of the constitution before being allowed to enter this country was held this afternoon at the Astor house.

A letter from William Lloyd Garrison of Boston was read, in which the writer indicated his opposition to the restriction.

W. Bourke Cochran and Dr. Senner were elected president and secretary of the meeting pro tem and it was agreed to hold a meeting tomorrow at the Astoria to elect permanent officers, adopt a constitution and complete the organization of an association.

The San Jose Scale.

LOS ANGELES, January 6.—The horticultural clubs of southern California have just issued a set of resolutions regarding the San Jose scale, a fruit pest, for publication. The resolutions are intended to correct the impression that serious damage is being done by the pest and declare that the San Jose scale is never found upon citrus trees, and though it is sometimes seen upon deciduous fruit trees here it is never on high class fruit shipped East and is doing such slight damage that it is not regarded seriously.

Brained With an Axe.

BRISTOL, Tenn., January 6.—In a fit of insanity at 3 o'clock this morning Alexander Carter, a white citizen of Greenville, killed his wife and 19 year old daughter Montie while they slept and then shot and killed himself. Carter brained his wife and daughter with an axe. He is said to have been mentally unbalanced for some time.

Riot in a Penitentiary.

MONTREAL, January 6.—To quell the disturbances and rioting at St. Vincent De Paul penitentiary, which has been going on for the last three months, eight of the leaders were today flogged in the presence of the other prisoners.

Fell Into a Quarry.

ROCKLIN, Cal., January 6.—Frank Roderick, a well known citizen of this place, disappeared several weeks ago. His body was found today in a quarry hole drowned. He apparently became bewildered and fell in.

To Abolish Sugar Bounties.

BERLIN, January 6.—The morning papers anticipate that Belgium will shortly call a conference for the abolition of sugar bounties. Germany and Austria have already intimated to Belgium their willingness to send delegates.

Bubonic Plague in India.

BOMBAY, January 6.—The plague returns for the past forty-eight hours record 142 new cases and 105 deaths. There is a general exodus of the population and a suspension of business is threatened.

J. H. Harris of Fresno has received a license to marry Minnie C. Martin of Selma.

THE OHIO DEADLOCK

That is the Senatorial Outlook.

Hanna Still Lacks Three Votes.

Representative Griffith, Pledged to Vote for the Senator, Refuses His Support.

COLUMBUS, January 4.—The political future of Senator Hanna is certainly twilight in a closely poised balance. While there are now reported to be only nine dissenters among the eighteen Republican members, one in the senate and eight in the house, yet the really doubtful list is limited to two or three.

Some of the dissenting Republicans are not likely ever to be reconciled to Senator Hanna. They have burned the bridges behind them and openly admit it. Representatives Griffith of Union and Joyce of Guernsey, who voted with "the combine" on the organization of the house, stated today that they would vote for Senator Hanna. This gives Hanna 54 in the house and 17 in the senate, a total of 71, or 2 short of the necessary majority.

Droste of Hamilton, who voted for Boxwell for speaker, announced at the time that he would support Jeptha Gerrard, a silver Republican, for senator, so that the net gain for Hanna to date over the vote on the organization is only one.

The Hanna men say they expect to get the votes of Scott of Butler and Rutten of Carroll, who were instructed for Hanna and voted for the "combine" on organization. On the other hand, "the combine managers say that Scott and Rutten will remain with them to the finish and that they expect to get Snyder of Greene and Redky of Highland who voted for Boxwell for speaker.

The doubtful members are being offered their choice of chairmanships and given the opportunity to make all other selections they want. The power of the organization of the house is certainly being used to the greatest possible advantage, and its influence is not to be underestimated in connection with the support of the state administration. While Mr. Kurtz and his associates will make no statements, yet they are holding back the appointment on the committees and other patronage in anticipation of gaining several votes on the senatorial ballot.

In holding their men in line "the combine" are having trouble with the sixty-five Democratic members. It is believed that Mayor McKisson will give way to Mr. Kurtz for the short term for senator, while Governor Bushnell has all along been regarded as the candidate for the long term. Representatives Wiley of Wayne, Powell of Morrow, Niles of Lucas and other radical free silver Democrats are not satisfied with Kurtz and Bushnell, and if they are to vote for Republicans they want them with pronounced silver records like that of Gerrard and others that are named. Some of the Democratic members insist that the breach is so wide and so deep now between the Republicans that John R. McLean or some other free silver Democrat could be elected over Hanna.

The senate and the house will ballot separately next Tuesday for senator. The senate will stand 19 to 17 against Hanna, by Senator Burke voting with the Democrats. The house on Monday stood 56 to 63. It is now 55 to 54 against Hanna. This would settle the contest if "the combine" in both houses can concentrate on any one candidate against Hanna and when the two houses meet on the following day, Wednesday, January 12th, to canvass in joint assembly the vote of the previous day, as cast by each branch separately, there would be nothing to do except to announce the total result as 74 to 71 against Hanna.

But if Senator Hanna has not a majority a week hence it is doubtful whether any opponent will have it, and the general prediction is for a dead lock. In the event that the balloting next Tuesday does not show a majority for any one, the general assembly will proceed on the next day to balloting in the joint assembly and continue to do so until there is an election. The balloting a week hence may not do any more than compel the contestants to show their names on roll call and after that the same fight may be continued for an indefinite period.

"The combine" tonight is charging that Senator Hanna is in such desperate straits as to be forced to "swap horses" while crossing the stream, owing to the Republicans deciding to hold no caucus. They also say that he has been an ex-senator since the legislature met yesterday. As Senator Hanna was appointed when Secretary Sherman went into the cabinet, article 2, section 2, of the statutes is being quoted as follows: "If vacancies (in the senate) occur by resignation or otherwise during the recess of the legislature of any state the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies."

While this talk about Ohio now having only one senator proceeds the Hanna men explain that they want the same action now as was accorded Senator Foraker two years ago. Foraker had been indorsed at the Zanesville state convention in 1894 for senator and was elected without any caucus or any Republican opposition in the legislature.

The Hanna men ask that the same "courtesy and loyalty" now prevail. The plank in the Republican state platform in favor of Hanna at Toledo last June is being freely cited.

Late tonight the Hanna managers lost the two doubtful members that they had gained today so that there is now no material change from that of yesterday when the house stood 56 to 53 against Hanna. This would give the senator only 70 votes on joint ballot, or 3 less than enough votes to elect. In connection with the chance of representative Griffith back to the anti-Hanna camp there are most scandalous reports in circulation. Mr. Griffith has been on both sides several times, and so pledged himself in writing.

It was stated yesterday that the Hanna workers spent Sunday night with Griffith and that at 3 a.m. the latter sent for his wife to come from the Great Southern hotel to the Neil house to join him in a conference with the Hanna people.

At 8 a.m. the Kurtz men saw Mr. Griffith and the all-night work of the Hanna men was undone just before her husband went to the state house on Monday morning to qualify as speaker pro tem with the other candidates of "the combine." After the legislature was organized, Mr. Griffith had another night of conferences on both sides of the senatorial case and this morning he gave the Hanna men a written pledge over his own signature that he would vote for the senator. Later in the day he was seen by the opponents of Senator Hanna and tonight he gave out the following as his last proclamation on his position:

"COLUMBUS, January 4.—To the public: It is due to the public and myself that I make a statement of my position in the senatorial matter. While it is true that the convention which nominated me passed a resolution requesting me to support Senator Hanna, and while I at various times during the campaign and since declared my intention to follow that request and even promised a dozen or more of my constituents in Mr. Hanna's headquarters on Monday of this week that I would do so, I have, however, since learning of the indignities heaped on my wife Monday morning, reached the conviction that I would be untrue to my manhood should I cast my vote for a man who either uses or employes such methods and shall resent the indignities and insults heaped upon myself and friends and also do a service for my state and country by voting for a Republican other than Mr. Hanna for United States senator.

"Notwithstanding the threats made to me that I cannot return and live in Union county if I do not vote for Mr. Hanna, it is my hope and belief that the good people who have honored me with their confidence and whom I love and honor will uphold me in this determination that cannot under any circumstances now be changed. J. E. GRIFFITH."

When a copy of the statement purporting to come from Representative Griffith was shown to Senator Hanna this evening, he said: "I do not believe Mr. Griffith ever made this statement, because it is not true. It is represented to me that he is an honorable man and therefore I shall not believe, without some further evidence, that he ever made or used such a statement."

Notwithstanding that Mr. Hanna regards it as untrue that Griffith himself published the statement, yet it is known that the document is in Griffith's handwriting, whether he prepared it himself or not. The last letter of Griffith has caused not only a sensation, but the most bitter feeling and the worst of charges on the part of the rival workers.

Congressman Grosvenor left for Washington tonight and the anti-Hanna men say he has gone there to confer with the legates which the opposition report as likely to be Secretary Sherman.

General Grosvenor stated that he had to be in congress on Thursday to take part in the debate and that he was leaving for that purpose and would be back the last of the week. J. Park Allender, a trustee of the Ohio imbecile asylum, today resigned because of Governor Bushnell's course on the senatorship. The four Republican clubs of Columbus tonight resolved not to participate in the inauguration of Governor Bushnell next Saturday.

LOS ANGELES, January 4.—The following message has been telegraphed to Democratic headquarters at Columbus, O., expressive of the sentiments of the Democratic, silver Republican and Populist parties of California:

The united Democracy, Populists and silver Republicans of California send greeting to you and your co-adjutors in your commendable opposition to the people's enemy, Mark Hanna. Defeat him, as he is a menace to constitutional liberty. If needed, ignore party lines in the interest of decency and humanity. Show this to Thurman and Kurtz. (Signed)

JOHN F. HUMPHREYS,
WILLIAM R. BURKE,
O. O. HAWLEY,
J. N. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 4.—At the cabinet meeting today the senatorial situation in Ohio was alluded to and the President expressed deep concern, but he said he believed that Mr. Hanna would succeed himself.

Secretary Brown Recovering.

SACRAMENTO, January 4.—The condition of Secretary of State Brown was greatly improved this afternoon and his speedy recovery is looked for.

FIVE TOO MANY

A Dime Museum Man With Six Wives.

Three of Them Present in Court When He Was Convicted.

CHICAGO, January 4.—David Bates is accused of having six wives more than the law allows and as a result of his arrest about six months ago he has had steady employment in the dime museums.

This morning he was convicted of bigamy in the first case against him. He was given a fine of $1000 and an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary. Upon the announcement of the verdict the examination of veniremen for a jury to hear the second charge against the prisoner was begun immediately.

It is also proposed to press a charge of perjury against Bates on admissions made by him today on the witness stand. Three of the wives were present in court.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN

May Join Hands in the Eastern Question.

LONDON, January 5.—Special dispatches from Shanghai today say that J. M. McLeavy Brown, the British Corean customs agent at Seoul, maintains a firm hold on his post and that M. Arsenieff, the Russian agent who has been endeavoring to supplant him, has been unable to obtain control of the finances owing to the fact that all the funds are vested in Brown's name in the Hong Kong Bank of Shanghai, which institution honors Brown's signature only.

The negotiations between Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister at Pekin, and the Sung Li Yamen, with reference to the questions arising from the Russian occupation of Port Arthur, are proceeding.

The idea of an alliance with Great Britain is reported to have excited intense enthusiasm in Japan.

The Marquis Ito's cabinet, it is added, will endeavor to promote an Anglo-Japanese alliance.

ROBBED THE EXPRESS CAR

Another Exploit by Train Robbers.

The Messenger Bound and Gagged.

The Safe Opened and Looted—No Trace of the Guilty Parties.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., January 4.—After about three months inactivity Kansas city's train robbers scored another brilliant achievement tonight. The Kansas Pittsburg and Gulf road is the sufferer.

The company's Port Arthur special which left the company's depot here at 6 o'clock tonight was robbed before it had passed the city limits. Two men, whom nobody but the express messenger seems to have seen, climbed into the express car as the train left the depot. They overowed the messenger, bound and gagged him and rifled the car before the train came to a stop.

When the train slowed up at a railroad crossing known as Air Line Junction, near the southern limits of the city, they climbed from the car and disappeared. Nothing was known of the robbery until a negro train porter entered the car and found the helpless express messenger.

After the train had been stopped and others of the crew had come forward and released the express messenger it was found that the robbers had entered the local safe, taking from it everything of value. They had made no effort to disturb the through safe, which is protected by a time lock. From Air Line Junction a telegraphic report of the robbery was sent to this city and the train proceeded south.

The Wells-Fargo Company controls the express business on the Pittsburg and Gulf road. At the express company's office here C. R. Tease, the local manager stated that there was not much of value in the local safe, and that $200 or $300 would probably cover the company's loss. In police circles, however, the impression prevails that the robbers secured several thousand dollars in jewelry and money.

The report received at the express company's office here states that the robbers entered the express car as the train was pulling out of the yards, having forced the rear door with a jimmy.

E. N. Hide of Kansas City was the express messenger. Upon turning from his work he looked into the barrel of a six shooter. The messenger offered no resistance, though he was well armed and after the robbers had bound him, one of them stood guard over him while the other rifled the safe.

The robbers are described as smooth faced young men, and the fact that both were extremely nervous while in the express car is taken as evidence that they are new recruits to Kansas City's force of train robbers.

At 7 o'clock a special train was sent to the scene of the robbery with a force of policemen and marshals and these men are now scouring the country along the river banks in search of the robbers.

The Sinews of War.

LONDON, January 4.—There is good reason to believe the British government is considering the question of assisting China to raise a loan. The Chinese proposals on the subject are urgently supported by the business men here who are greatly interested in China. The *News* says it is reported in the city that the negotiations for a Chinese loan of £16,000,000, guaranteed by the British government, are practically concluded.

MARRIED A TITLE

Another American Girl Off for Europe.

This Time a German Count Catches a Charming Widow.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Count Von Goetzen, military attache of the German embassy, was married at noon today to Mrs. Mary Stanley Lay at the residence of the bride. The ceremony which made another American countess was first performed by a justice of the peace in accordance with the official custom of Germany and later by Rev. Dr. Menzel of the German Lutheran church.

The count had as his witnesses the German ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, Baron Hermann, Mr. Von Bruenig and Mr. Von Reichenau of the embassy staff. The bride's witnesses were members of her family. The wedding breakfast followed and was participated in by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, Viscount Santo Thicoao; the Portuguese minister, Count Gallasza of the Spanish legation, General and Mrs. Miles, and many other representatives of the diplomatic corps, the army, navy and society in general.

Later in the day the count and his bride started for a trip across the continent. They will stay for a time at Los Angeles, Cal., and will then go to Berlin, where Count Von Goetzen will rejoin his regiment now at Potsdam.

Countess Von Goetzen, the bride of today, is the widow of the late William Matthews Lay of this city. She is a native of Baltimore, where she was first married. Her beauty has always made her much admired, and it is said that no other woman in society has received more attention. Her acquaintance with Count Von Goetzen began just a year ago at a New Year's dinner given at the Corcoran house by Mrs. Calvin S. Brice.

New Money Order Offices.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—About 1100 postoffices throughout the country were assigned to the money order class January 3d. This makes approximately 25,000 postoffices at which money orders may be obtained.

NO CHANGE AT COLUMBUS

The Election of Hanna Uncertain.

Legislature Adjourns Till Monday.

The Ohio Senator Still Short Three or More Votes on Joint Ballot.

COLUMBUS, O., January 5.—Both branches of the legislature have adjourned to Monday. Both sides of the senatorial contest remain in conference daily and nightly at the Neil house and the Southern hotel, respectively. The suspense and secret work will continue until next Tuesday when the two branches of the legislature vote separately for senator. The doubtful members made no flops today. They still remain doubtful, and they are receiving the united and untiring attention of the legislative steering committee and outside workers.

Next Monday Governor Bushnell will be inaugurated for his second term, but the exercises will not interfere with the senatorial fight. The anti-Hanna Republicans expect all of their followers here Monday for a large demonstration.

Although many Republican clubs have cancelled their engagements for quarters on inauguration day it is believed that the efforts of the anti-Hanna Republicans to have a big demonstration as usual will succeed. The Hanna men will also take advantage of the excursion rates to have visiting Republican delegations here on that day to protest against "the combine with Democrats."

The expected deadlock will not begin until next Wednesday, when the two houses ballot jointly for senator. As the balloting may continue indefinitely it is not expected that the inauguration visitors will remain to add to the chorus of bitter howling and counter charges, but some apprehend insulting demonstrations and even serious disturbances on Monday.

Letters and telegrams from Republican clubs and committees and others continue to pour in from the counties and their members, who are co-operating with the Democrats, and some of the messages and missives appeal to Senator Foraker to come to the relief of the party by declaring it to be the duty of all Republicans to stand by the decree of the Toledo state convention in supporting Senator Hanna.

In reply to the reports about Secretary Sherman, Assistant Secretary Day, Congressman Grosvenor and others being made the Republican senatorial nominee, says positively today that he will never retire. He says he was nominated by the Toledo state convention for senator and cannot retire in favor of any one. If he is defeated the responsibility for disregarding the decree of the state convention will rest on those who are now co-operating with the Democrats.

The senator insists that he will never withdraw, even if defeat should become inevitable, but he still insists that he will win out before another week rolls around. Senator Hanna, Mr. Kurtz and other leaders are now almost worn out and they evidently have a long struggle still ahead of them.

The standing committees have not been announced in either house and "the combine" is using the patronage to hold its men in line. In the senate today Senator Burke showed some tendency to co-operate with his Republican colleagues. The Democrats wanted to report the committees but Senator Burke stopped it by saying he would vote with the Republicans. Later in the day Senator Burke was in conference with Hanna and he spent most of his time with the Hanna workers.

While the Hanna men are still short three or more votes on the current claims of both sides, yet "the combine" is having its troubles in fixing on some one who can command all the Democratic votes as well as that of the dissenting Republicans.

Louis D. Bernard, the Democratic leader from Cincinnati and the manager for John R. McLean, said tonight: "There will be no election before a long series of ballots. The Democrats will scatter their votes."

This is taken to mean that the Democrats will not be able to agree in their caucus on a candidate. The anti-Hanna Republicans announce positively that under no circumstances will they vote for a Democrat.

Ex-Senator Brice delivers an address here next Sunday night at the Jackson-Day banquet and his presence is anticipated with some anxiety. The Press is out with a sensational extra edition tonight announcing that the Democrats will present the senatorial situation to the grand jury. Referring to this the "Press" says sworn statements have been submitted to the grand jury from representatives and Mrs. Griffith of Union county, Representative George Spellmeyer and Chris Montes of Cincinnati, Hon. N. R. Hyatt of Columbus and others against certain workers for Hanna.

This affair is pronounced as an attempt at intimidation by the Hanna men.

The Hanna men laugh at the attempt to secure indictments against certain workers and say that the men who are spending the money are the ones to raise the cry about bribery. The cry of the opposition has been that of "boesism and boodle" during the contest.

At Hanna quarters they are confidently claiming a new accession tonight, but refuse to give the name of the member. Senator Burke and several other members got away from the pressure tonight by returning to their homes.

McKINLEY INVITED

To Attend the Coming Trans-Mississippi Congress.

LOS ANGELES, January 5.—The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce met this afternoon and in common with other similar organizations passed resolutions extending to President McKinley an invitation to attend the Transmississippi Commercial Congress to be held at Wichita, Kans., in the fall of 1898.

Senators White and Perkins were appointed a committee to extend the invitation to the President in person.

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MAY WHEAT.

A Slight Gain in Yesterday's Prices.

The Argentine Crop Begins to Cut a Figure in the Quotations.

CHICAGO, January 6.—News affecting wheat before trading commenced was chiefly bearish and that was clearly the effect it had upon the speculators. May, which closed yesterday at 90⅝c opened at from 90c down to 89¾c, sold very sparingly at 90c to 90⅛c and then slid off quickly to 89⅜c. For two hours the range of the fluctuations was practically limited between the extremes mentioned.

The main point of the early market was that Liverpool quoted a decline of 1½d to start with and the reason for it was in one cablegram ascribed to liberal offerings of Argentine wheat and in another to Thoman's report and export surplus of 100,000,000 still available in this country. A private cablegram from Paris said that the wheat was rapidly declining and the market was weak and depressed. The Price Current remarked of the condition of winter wheat that it was generally protected by snow.

The only bullish feature of the early news was the small Chicago receipts, forty-one cars being received. The upturn to the market was helped by liberal clearances from Atlantic ports which in wheat and flour amounted to 580,000 bushels.

New York and Baltimore reported fresh business done for export. Closing cables made Liverpool latest prices from 1d to 1⅞d lower than those of the previous day. Several local shorts bought steadily for an hour when the price of May was between 89¾ and 90⅛, and when the general crowd, who were short, tried to buy they found the salable wheat had all been absorbed. May closed 90¼ bid or ⅛c higher than it did yesterday.

Corn was moderately active, May closed ⅛ to ¼c higher.

Oats were firm throughout the session. May closed ¾ to ⅞c higher. Provisions were weak all day owing to heavy receipts here and at Western points. At the close May pork was 12c lower, May lard 7½c lower, and May ribs 10c lower.

AN INGENIOUS BLACKMAILER.

He Used the Mails to Accomplish His Object.

LOS ANGELES, January 6.—A. M. Williams of Riverside has been arrested by Postoffice Inspectors Flint and Erwin, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

His plan was a novel one and intricate, so much so that the officers were for some weeks at a loss to understand how the man made any money by his knavery. His plan in brief was to work on the cupidity of people by sending them a letter, which, they would see on opening it, was not intended for them, but which, it seemed, presented them a means of getting some money belonging supposedly to some one else of the same name.

Most men who received these letters returned them to the postoffice marked "opened by mistake," but those who answered the letter expecting to get the money received a letter signed the Interstate Detective Agency, advising them that they had opened other people's mail and attempted to defraud them by securing money that did not belong to them, but that if they would remit $50 the matter would be hushed up.

TWO MORE REGIMENTS.

The Regular Artillery to be Increased at Once.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—The senate committee on military affairs today ordered a favorable report on the bill increasing the military force of the country to the extent of two regiments of artillery. The purpose of the bill is to afford a sufficient number of men to protect the new guns and mortars which are being put in place. It was stated in the committee that by next August there would be 151 guns and 212 mortars which would be entirely without protection.

Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations:

To be United States consuls—Edward D. Winslow of Illinois at Stockholm, Sweden; Michael J. Burke of Illinois at Port Stanley and St. Thomas, Canada; Louis H. Ayme of Illinois at Guadalupe, West Indies; J. N. McGunn of Wisconsin at Dumfarline, Scotland; George H. Moulton of Colorado at Demarara, British Guiana; C. W. Merriman of Wisconsin at Brockville, Ontario; Daniel E. McGinley of Wisconsin at Athens, Greece.

Preferential Tariff for Spain.

OTTAWA, Ont., January 6.—The Dominion government has decided to extend the preferential or reduced tariff to Spain. This has been done on the advice of the home government as the law lords of the crown in England consider that Spain is entitled to this privilege.

In the Second Degree.

LOS ANGELES, January 6.—The jury in the case of Patrick Savage, on trial for the killing of William Roche at San Pedro on October 6, 1897, this evening returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. Savage will be sentenced Monday morning.

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Isn't it about time to enforce the payment of the delinquent subscriptions to the Valley road fund?

Let Mexico understand right now that she's got to get off of that guano hill on Clipperton island. That dung heap is ours.

Is Chinese lottery gambling to go or not to go during 1898? It is a good time to turn over a new leaf and turn the gamblers down.

The Stockton *Mail* says that Corbett and Fitzsimmons are sparring for wind. What they can do with any more of it is the thing that puzzles.

The *Expositor* refers to Prince Bismarck as the chancellor of "iron blood." Well, that's one way of putting it, even if it isn't the right way.

A Minneapolis company have had plans made for a big brewery at Stockton. Excepting Fresno it is the best location in the state for this enterprise.

Mayor Van Wick's very brief response to ex-Mayor Strong's speech of welcome justifies the opinion that the chief executive of Greater New York will say nothing and let Croker saw the wood.

Los Angeles is complaining of excessive street sprinkling. That is one thing with which Fresno has never been afflicted. The dust on most of the streets at the present time is an evidence of the care with which we guard against extravagant sprinkling.

The Spinney combination on the Board of Trustees is evidently determined not to stop until they have disrupted the fire department and reinstated the ex-triangle contingent. It is a piece of petty political jobbery of the very smallest and most inexcusable kind.

If none but first-class raisins were produced and shipped to market there would be no reason for selling a pound for less than 3½ to 4 cents in the sweatbox. It is the big output of inferior and damaged goods that creates the surplus, retards consumption and demoralizes the market.

Yesterday may have been a glad day for New York, but it was a sad day for Chicago. Gotham's taking place as the second largest city in the world must be a bitter pill for the Windy City. It would not be surprising if the latter attempted to annex Illinois in order to surpass its loathed rival.

Pelagic sealing is knocked out, but the people of San Joaquin valley still have plenty of jackrabbits to fall back on and glut their appetite for slaughter. The fur of the jack is not quite up to the seal standard, but he is quite as highly esteemed for food. The pelagic business doesn't worry us a bit.

Mr. Eckels, ex-controller and "student of finance," will continue his studies in the comfortable chair of a bank president. And this reminds us that Mr. Carlisle is still in the cold and quite forgotten. An infinitely superior man to Mr. Eckels, he lacks that tremendously useful quality—gall—which contributed so much to the Chicagoan's success.

Mr. Bryan, who has returned from Mexico, states that he has not changed his opinions on the silver question. Of course, he has not. His opinions on the silver question are his political stock in trade. If it had not been for those opinions, a loud voice and an opportunity, he would be now what he was two years ago—a third rate lawyer in a Nebraska town.

A correspondent of the evening paper makes mention of the frequency with which Governor Jim Budd changes his official quarters. It has been apparent for some time that "Our Jim" does not know that there is a seat of government. Not long ago he took University Regent Waymire to task for not attending the board meetings regularly, which would indicate that while he is pretty well acquainted with other people's duties, he doesn't keep very close track of his own.

The indications are that Colorado will lead California in the production of gold for 1897. In 1896 it was the Golden State that headed the list, and it will require some hustling on its part to relegate the Centennial State to second place the present year. Judging from the outlook the mining industry of California will receive a great impulse this year, and the state will again take its accustomed place at the head of the list of gold producers.

"Is there any danger that McKinley will forget the contributions of the vast sums of money which made him President?" asks Senator Stewart's "rat" paper. It might with equal force be asked whether Bryan will ever forget the vast sums that the silver mine owners contributed to his campaign fund, and if he would not have taken care of them if he had been elected. In fact, many unpleasant questions might be asked concerning Bryan. It might be asked how it is that so uncompromising an opponent of corporations uses railroad passes, how deeply indebted he is to his angel, Charley Lane, etc., etc?

An exchange describes a stove that was once the property of the Father of his Country. "There seems to be no receptable for ashes," it says, "and one is left to speculate upon how our dignified George started the fire in the morning when the weather was cold, and how, if the thing did not draw, did he vent his ill humor at its contrariness, when there were no doors to slam nor to kick shut." Considering that history states that George was an accomplished user of curse words it should not be difficult to guess how he vented his ill humor on such occasions.

In the matter of securing a public park Fresno should look to the future as well as the present. A tract of land that would be sufficiently large at the present time would be entirely inadequate twenty years hence. It is the part of wisdom to get plenty of land for the purpose, even though but a small portion of it is required now. Fresno is going to be a big town and a park is for all time.

If you cannot square your accounts at the beginning of the year, come as near doing it as possible.

Is the combination to be Budd for senator and Butler for governor? It begins to look that way.

There is no doubt that Governor Budd works. The condition of some of the institutions he has worked at proves that.

Durrant's last hope is the governor. How the poor devil who has been pungling up for the murderer's defense must wish that it will prove a forlorn hope.

Now that England is going to get all the seals, the demand for sealskin garments in this country will be beyond all precedent. Everybody will want the real English thing, you know.

Eight boys escaped last Saturday from Whittier, one of the institutions which Governor Budd has "reformed" in his own peculiar way. Whittier was once a model school; now it is a model of a pothouse institution.

"Imperial Fresno" is still in demand and is finding its way into all parts of the United States and to some of the foreign countries. It will continue to advertise Fresno long after special editions of the ordinary kind have been forgotten.

If the infant 1898 expects to be cradled in the lap of luxury hereabout it is time that orders were issued for something closely resembling a flood. Nothing short of that will slake the elegant thirst which mother earth has been accumulating for steen dry and dusty weeks.

The New Year *Chronicle* is fully up to its usual standard of excellence, which is about the highest praise that can be given. The annual edition of that paper has come to be a recognized authority on the state's industrial development. Its data are complete and accurate and are carefully preserved for reference.

If "Potato" Pingree enters the presidential lists in 1900 poor Bryan will not be in it a little bit. As a candidate of the people the Michigander will "put it all over" the Nebraskan. Aside from his reputation as an urban potato grower, Mr. Pingree stands prepared to advocate every reform under the sun, while Mr. Bryan's ability is limited to the advocacy of currency reform.

IS NOT AN OBJECTION.

One of the strongest arguments yet advanced in favor of the postal savings bank proposition is the objection raised in some quarters that the tendency would be to so largely reduce interest rates that the business of private banking would be seriously interfered with. In the opinion of the Republican a greater service could not be done to the people and industries of this country at the present time than to materially reduce rates of interest.

If postal savings banks will aid in bringing about that result, well and good. There is no lack of money. The banks everywhere are full of it, but it is held for interest rates that keep a great deal of it out of circulation. The current rates of interest, in fact, can only be paid during periods of speculation, when prices are abnormal, and do not justify borrowing for investment in the lines of ordinary industry. That a reduction of interest would result in putting a vast volume of idle money in circulation is evident.

The Republican believes that a reduction of interest rates is inevitable, with or without postal savings banks, but it is no objection to the latter proposition that its tendency would be to expedite reduction. If there are not stronger arguments than this with which to oppose the system proposed by Secretary Gary it will certainly stand the test of all adverse criticism.

THE "BEE" VINDICATED.

The decision of the supreme court in the *Bee* contempt case is a source of satisfaction to the press of the state. The satisfaction would be greater, though, had the justices been unanimous; as it was, four declared in favor of the newspaper and three upheld Judge Catlin, who had sentenced the *Bee* to pay a fine of $500 for alleged contempt of court. However, Californians have come not to expect very much of their supreme court, and they are therefore seldom disappointed; still for all purposes the decision is as good as if all the justices had concurred in Justice Van Fleet's opinion. The circumstances of the case, briefly told, are as follows: During the trial of a divorce case in Sacramento the *Bee* published certain testimony. Catlin, the presiding judge, denounced the publication as glaringly incorrect and scored the reporter who had written it. The *Bee* defended its reporter, offered to prove the correctness of the report and expressed its "supreme contempt" for Judge Catlin. The editor was summoned to appear for contempt of court and was fined $500 without being given an opportunity to prove that the publication was correct and that the *Bee* was justified in calling the judge a falsifier. Upon this the *Bee* appealed to the supreme court.

In Justice Van Fleet's opinion it is declared that "the petitioner (Editor McClatchy) was denied his constitutional right to be heard in his defense," and that "a judge on the bench, no more than any other, can cast aspersions on the character of a person not a party or participant in a case on trial, without a right in the latter to defend himself." Chief Justice Beatty, in his concurring opinion, says: "The report of the newspaper was not an attack upon the court or an interference with the proceedings of the court, but was an attack upon the man, for which, if it was malicious and unfounded, he had the same, and no other means of redress, that the law gives to every citizen who is the victim of a libel."

These views are not only sound law, but the best of common sense. They constitute a severe arraignment of Judge Catlin, and if he has not the hide of a rhinoceros he must have winced when he read them. It is not a trivial matter for a judge to be accused of denying a defendant his constitutional rights and of having been guilty of judicial usurpation and oppression, but judging from Catlin's record he is likely to learn but little from this defeat. It is a matter for congratulation that there are few judges like him on the bench in California.

A public park is one of the things Fresno should secure during 1898.

As a function of the fashionable, New Year calling seems to be falling into a state of innocuous desuetude.

Fresno starts upon the new year with confidence restored and with bright prospects for advancement during 1898.

Hail to 1898. May the New Year bring prosperity and happiness to all people who deserve to be prosperous and happy.

It is not the resolutions that are made, but those which are kept that count. The road to hell is macadamized with broken resolutions.

The withdrawal of bank notes under the denomination of $10, as suggested by President McKinley, would materially enlarge the demand for silver.

The Los Angeles *Times* finds comfort in the belief that the bustle and bloomers are an impossible combination. The *Times* is unduly optimistic. In the realm of fashionable toggery there is nothing impossible.

Tulare county's game warden has "planted" ten Chinese pheasants near Kaweah station. The pheasant is a fine game bird and will undoubtedly do well in the mountain and foothill districts if properly protected.

Max Popper says that James H. Barry, editor of the San Francisco *Star*, would be a good man for the place of railroad commissioner if the Governor's choice should light on him. The Republican agrees with Mr. Popper that Editor Barry would make a good commissioner, and it is possible, too, that "Farmer" Herrin would faint if the editor were appointed; but we doubt very much if the Governor's choice will light on Mr. Barry. We suspect that Governor Budd is not so desperately determined to send "Farmer" Herrin into a state of coma as is generally supposed, but if we are mistaken in this the *Star's* energetic and aggressive editor is the instrument with which to accomplish it.

BUDD'S BROKEN PLEDGES.

The *Expositor* says that "a magnificent Democratic administration of state affairs has placed the Democratic party in splendid condition for next year's campaign." We have been under the impression since the election in 1894 that every candidate for state office on the Republican ticket save one was elected, the exception being the candidate for governor. And for that matter many people are firmly convinced that Mr. Estee was also elected, but that he was counted out by Budd's heelers in San Francisco. While Governor Budd has filled the appointive offices with Democrats, it may be seriously questioned, in view of what we have before stated, whether that justifies the declaration that the administration is Democratic.

As for the statement that the administration has been a magnificent one, there is no fault to find with it so far as it refers to the Republican officials. They indeed have performed their duties in a highly satisfactory manner and "have placed the Republican party in splendid condition for this year's campaign." It is different with Mr. Budd and his appointees. The Governor may have kept some pledges, but there are important ones that he has not kept. He has not practiced the economy that was expected of him, and he has pothoused the state institutions in a manner that had never before been attempted. One of the chief reforms promised by Mr. Budd in his inaugural address was the abolition of useless and extravagant bureaus and commissions. It requires but a glance at the State Roster to see that he has failed to keep this promise. Instead of applying the "besom of destruction" to these useless boards, he created one or two new ones.

If this record "has left his party in a position to go before the people with every confidence of success," we wonder what kind of a record would defeat a party.

The *Railway Age* makes the following statement of the receiverships and foreclosures for 1897:

No year since 1887 has shown so few roads or so small a mileage confessing insolvency, while compared with the record for any one of the five years immediately preceding 1897, the list of new receiverships in the last year is surprisingly small, in respect to the number of lines, mileage and capital involved. In 1893 no less than seventy-four companies, with 29,340 miles of road and $1,781,000,000 of bonds and stocks, defaulted in their obligations and were turned over to the control of the courts. In 1897 the number of similarly unfortunate roads was eighteen, their mileage was 1537 and their capitalization was less than $93,000,000. In 1895 the number of roads was thirty-four, the mileage 5441 and the capitalization $275,597,000.

The condition of the railroads is one of the surest indications of the state of the country that we have. When railroad earnings are small and receiverships plentiful it is an indication that times are hard, particularly for the producer. When the railroads are prospering be sure that industry in general is not languishing. The excellent showing made by the railroads for the year 1897 is very encouraging, therefore, and justifies the opinion that even a better record will be established this year.

There seems to be a good deal of uncertainty and misapprehension in the public mind regarding the location of the land offered to the city for the purpose of a public park by Messrs. Roeding and Weihe. In another column will be found a description of the tract and a diagram showing its location. With this information the people of the town can easily go and see the land for themselves and pass intelligent judgment on its merits. The Republican suggests that as many of them do so as possible. The location of the land and character of the soil are among the main considerations involved, and these can best be judged by inspection.

Esteemed Democratic contemporaries continue to denounce an European system of finance for this country. It seems entirely possible for the United States to improve upon the European system, but the Republican doubts very much whether it can be done by adopting the Mexican system. There is a medium between these extremes which this government could take with safety and advantage in financial legislation, but the extremists appear to be in the majority at the present time and the probable result will be failure to enact any financial legislation whatever.

THAT TORCH OF LIBERTY.

Editor Republican:—The following paragraph I clipped from a recent issue of your always valuable paper and I hope that, on second thought, your many readers may reconcile themselves to a more extended treatment of the theme than you have given:

The *Register* of Tulare thinks that industrial progress is of less importance to China than the lighting of the torch of liberty in the land of the coolie. Perhaps, but the Republican has an idea that liberty is a boon to those only who are fit to enjoy it, and many generations of Mongolians would come and go before that race would become qualified to bear the burden and enjoy the fruits of free government.

Let us summarize a few facts: The last of the hermit nations of the earth, with much travail, is being born into a new era of industrial and commercial life. The greatest of continents is being spanned by railroads, opening up to the outer world vast resources and opportunities. Thirst for empire is again becoming a mania with the great powers of Europe.

The coal measures of Great Britain, upon which her industrial achievements were founded, underlie 12,000 square miles of territory. The coal measures of France underlie 2000 square miles, of Belgium 500, of Russia 20,000 to 30,000, of the United States 200,000. The coal measures of China underlie 400,000 square miles of territory, of which more than 50,000 square miles in a single compact body is anthracite. Contiguous thereto ... inexhaustible deposits of iron. ...

But the wealth of China does not chiefly lie in her mineral or other resources, rich though they are, but in her surpassingly vast and vastly tireless mass of dogged workers. Not all the civilized nations of the earth combined can spare from the farm to the factory such an enormous working force. Mobilize this force and equip it with our western energies of production and, excepting food, it can supply the civilized world with practically all it requires for consumption and man the ships to fetch and carry to the ends of the earth.

To mobilize this force and equip it is now the towering ambition of the most advanced and puissant nations on the globe. The centers of wealth are surcharged with idle capital, interest is low and ability is not equal to employing that capital in accustomed channels to pecuniary advantage, and is therefore ready to flow where labor is cheap and rights of man are unheard of. It is no concern of capital that civilization is put in jeopardy. The question, is will it pay? That question has been answered so far as the cotton industry is concerned by the closing of mills in Europe and America and their opening in Japan and China. Capital and coolies get on very amicably together and capital is fluid, flowing in and out, and where there is the most demand for it without regard to national boundaries.

What is to save our western civilization from being engulfed in this coming tidal wave of oriental industrial activity? What can prevent its driving the nations of Europe and America into hermitage behind prohibitory tariff walls, a hermitage out of which Europe and America have forcefully driven Japan and China? Only one thing under the sun: An increase in the power of consumption of the Asiatics commensurate with their increased power of industrial production.

To consume what they produce the millions of coolies in the orient must live, relatively, like princes and the only way to make a prince of a coolie is to first make him a man, and to make him a man with the wants of a man, is to first make him honor himself and, under the sun, there is but one spirit that will make a man honor himself and that spirit is the spirit of human liberty. When men come to breathe the air of freedom, to look upon themselves as the architects of their own fortunes, to take upon themselves the responsibilities of their own lives, they begin to increase their wants, to consume what they produce and produce what they consume.

As yet no ray of human liberty has brightened China. Human rights are undreamed of. The Chinese people have not discovered themselves. Millions know that they are alive only because they are hungry, but the lessons of human liberty and responsibility must be taught the Chinese or western civilization is doomed to the most terrific struggle of the ages.

Who is to be the teacher? Will it be Russia? Russia is the most desperate of despotisms. Germany is autocratic to a high degree and France has not been successful in impressing her spirit and institutions upon any people. Only the English speaking peoples can impress themselves upon depressed peoples to uplift and energize them. America lighted the torch of liberty that all Europe might see and now England and America must perform that service for Asia, not for the salvation of the Chinese, but for the salvation of Christendom. How shall the brown man be lifted out of the mire without his pulling the white man in, is to be the crucial question of the coming century.

America must not shrink from her duty. She should speedily acquire an independent coaling station and harbor of refuge on the Asiatic coast by purchase from the Chinese empire. No more. She must annex Hawaii as a coign of advantage in peace or war in becoming a maratime and commercial nation. She must lay cables, reform her consular system, enter the industrial rivalries of nations with confidence and enterprise. She must dominate the commerce of the Pacific which, in a generation, will exceed the commerce of the Atlantic two to one. She must have the Nicaragua canal, an ample navy, coast defenses, trained diplomatists, a new baptism of American spirit.

To sit idly in snug corners worshipfully reverencing the dry bones of our forefathers in traditional democratic fashion is to lose the opportunity of the ages and write "finis" to the history of this great people's country of North America.

I am for a progressive and aggressive American policy, not such as has hitherto made the history of man a history of wars, but for industrial and commercial prestige—which also is war. The wages of seeking to avoid the responsibilities of individual life is degeneration; that of national life is dismemberment and extinction.

Let the torch of human liberty be lighted in the land of the coolie, as *The Register* suggested, and for reasons which have, in part only, been given here.

Respectfully, A. J. Pillsbury.

Tulare, December 30, 1897.

Restored confidence of the McKinley variety capsized two banks Tuesday—one in Brunswick, Ga., the other in El Reno, O.T. It seems that the banks can't stand so darned much prosperity.—*Merced Sun*

If the esteemed *Sun* attributes the failure of a bank in Georgia and another in Oklahoma Territory to the return of confidence, to what does it attribute the fact that there has been a decided falling off in business failures in the United States in 1897 when compared with the past four years, with a decrease in the amount of liabilities of 37 per cent below that of 1896, or one of the smallest totals of recent years? Bradstreet's in its report of today says: "A heavy falling off in number and in liabilities of individuals, firms or corporations failing was shown in 1897 from 1896 and the four preceding years." In the face of this fact the sneers of the *Sun* at McKinley prosperity appear to the unbiased to be entirely misdirected. Its withering sarcasm goes wide of the mark and makes it appear ridiculous.

The esteemed Fresno Republican persists in asserting that a vote for McKinley was a vote for bimetallism. If the editor of the esteemed Republican actually believes that Mr. McKinley is anxious to bring about bimetallism, it is no wonder that thousands of votes were trapped by the same device of the St. Louis platform carpenters.—*Stockton Mail.*

A vote cast for McKinley was the only vote that could be cast in favor of international bimetallism, which we must certainly believe to be the only possible bimetallism. Free coinage that would not result in practically doubling the value of all the silver of the world would not be bimetallism but silver monometallism, and that was the only alternative offered. The Republican believes that President McKinley would hail with deep satisfaction the achievement of an international agreement whereby bimetallism could be established. We believe that he earnestly endeavored to promote that undertaking and will continue to do so as long any as there is hope whatever of success.

Trustees Chittenden and McVey are now squarely upon record as denying the right of the Volunteer Firemen to select from their own members capable and worthy men as officers of the department, which is the source of much surprise to the Republican and to a great many people. The fire department has been thoroughly efficient under the system of conceding this reasonable right, which has prevailed for a number of years, and which there is no worthy or just reason for changing. Some people are expected to place peanut politics above the public welfare; others are not expected to do so, and when they do the feeling created by their action is doubly unpleasant. It is disappointing, and weakens public confidence in men who are supposed to be above the petty schemes of petty politicians.

The so-called "*Examiner* Baseball Tournament" closed last Saturday, the California Markets winning the pennant and the purse. The tournament has been conducted in such a manner as to disgust all lovers of clean sport and has undoubtedly injured the prospects of the national game in this state. It is extremely doubtful if any reputable ball players will consent to play under the same management next year. It is to be hoped that a state league will be formed next season and that men of intelligence and integrity will be chosen to manage it. If this is done Fresno should be represented by as strong a team as it is possible to get together. Our people like clean, healthy sport and have shown that they are willing to give substantial encouragement to such. A first-class baseball team will never lack support in Fresno.

England would like the co-operation of the United States in standing off the cormorant nations which are proposing to parcel out China among themselves like so much deceased hog. Moral support may be all right, but wisdom dictates that we keep our fingers out of the Eastern fire with the single exception of safeguarding our own commercial interests as far as possible. We have in the Monroe doctrine and other matters affecting this continent enough to engage our attention and satisfy our ambition. We can afford to let the old world nations fight their own battles for territorial aggrandizement so long as they stay on their side of the big waters.

Since the repeal of the bounty law coyotes have become numerous and troublesome in the back precincts, which suggests the question as to whether a small bounty might not be a desirable thing. The trouble with the old bounty was that it was too high. It put a premium upon fraud and rascality, and should have been repealed the first session after its enactment. Whether a small bounty would be justified because of the increase of the pest is a question of interest to farmers in some localities.

The news comes from Washington that Senator Teller has decided to "smoke out" the bimetallists in the senate by offering a resolution declaring government bonds payable, principal and interest, in silver dollars, at the option of the government. As the government may pay bonds in either gold or silver at the present time, Senator Teller's plan for putting Senators Shoup, Carter, Wolcott, Hansbrough and others on record has the brilliancy of an uncut gem.

The Los Angeles *Times* advises the citrus fruit growers to cart their frost-bitten oranges to the dump. It is good advice, whether applied to frozen oranges or damaged raisins, though in the latter case it may be somewhat modified. The distillers pay something for damaged raisins, and make the loss easier to the grower. The worst enemy to his own industry is the man who ships poor and damaged fruit to market.

The San Francisco *Report*, which enjoys the distinction of being the only daily paper in that city which published in full the rumors regarding Mrs. Durrant and her daughter, is trying to create a sentiment favorable to the monster who murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams. The *Report* should attempt something easier.

The Mongolian game birds which Game Warden Ferguson is introducing in this salubrious climate have no relationship to the yellow bipeds who run the lotteries across the way. Both require protection, but to the former it will have to be given gratuitously. The latter know how to get it.

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RANDOM REMARKS.

The Duchess of Teck, who died recently, will be long remembered. It is reported that she left many debts.

A New York preacher says that it requires no brains to play cards. That's pretty hard on the whist clubs scattered throughout the country.

A New York girl committed suicide the other day by taking paris green because she received no Christmas present. If that's the latest, just give me a pound of the "pizen."

A Kentuckian recently lost the power of speech while engaged in cursing one of his business associates. This is rather hard, but it is only when a Kentuckian has lost his thirst that he becomes a real object of pity.

On Christmas night a surgeon employed at the receiving hospital in San Francisco kicked a drunken patient in the eye. The patient had called the surgeon a — —, and the sawbones took that method of proving that he was one.

"Our Jim" must have struck it rich, or the *Expositor* must have given him reduced advertising rates. It is reported that a fine band wagon is being constructed in Stockton on the sides of which, in handsome Gothic letters, will appear: "Jim Budd for Senator."

Mrs. Deacon, whose lover was killed in her presence by her outraged husband, has been admitted into Washington society, the sentiment now being that "she was not so much to blame after all." As Mr. Deacon is safe in the insane asylum, future admirers need have no fear of being pistolled.

That familiarity breeds contempt is strikingly illustrated in the case of the Rev. Briggs of Stockton, ex-pastor of the Christian church of that city. He became too familiar with some of the "sisters" and now the brethren hold him in the deepest contempt. Those old proverbs still hold good.

It is seldom that a man is so anxious for a licking as to be willing to pay for it, but that appears to be the case of Mr. James Corbett, judging from his letter to Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. The heart of Mr. Fitzsimmons must be proof against pity and self-interest if he refuses to satisfy Mr. Corbett's yearning.

Now comes H. W. Seton-Karr, an English explorer and scientist, and says that the Garden of Eden was in Somaliland, Africa. There are few countries left which have not been named as the seat of the famous garden, but to one of these, Ireland, this honor will never come. That snake story puts the Emerald Isle out of the race.

It turns out that the American heiress with whom the Khedive's brother, Mahomet Ali Bey, is in love, is the daughter of John Wanamaker. If Mahomet becomes the son-in-law of "Pious John" he will at least have all the ready made clothing he may require. The advantages that may accrue to Miss Wanamaker from the union are by no means as apparent, however.

There is altogether too much fast and reckless driving in Fresno and the authorities should give some attention to the persons who violate the ordinance directed against this practice. It would be a good idea, by the way, to amend the ordinance so as to require drivers of vehicles to turn the street corners at a walk.

The British Registrar General, Dr. Tatham, who has just issued a report showing the influence of occupation upon male mortality between the ages of 25 and 65, declares that the clergy lead the healthiest lives. Their numbers in the United Kingdom in 1891 amounted to 36,800, and they died in every age period less rapidly than any other class in the community. There is probably only one thing than can outlive the minister, and that is the poor relation.

Li Hung Chang has had his clothes and offices restored to him by the Emperor of China and is now in a condition to negotiate with the representatives of the powers that are threatening to quarter the empire. It looks very much, however, as if the Emperor had kept the wily old statesman in bed too long this time. It is doubtful if even Li Hung Chang, his peacock feather, red button, yellow jacket, purple pants and white socks restored to him, can stay the descending carving knife.

The example set by the Hughes high school in Cincinnati, where the boys are taught to cook, should be followed throughout the United States. The American husband who does not build the fire of mornings is the exception, and not a few benedicks even now do the family cooking. The increasing disinclination of the women to enter the kitchen will soon make it necessary for the husbands to preside over the cuisine, and it is proper, therefore, that our youth should receive such instruction in the art of the *cordon bleu* as will enable them to fill the requirements when the twentieth century woman looks about her for a good domestic husband.

R. M. M.

WISDOM OF WISE MEN.

We are sent into this world to make it better and happier, and in proportion as we do so, we make ourselves both.

To excel others is a proof of talent, but to know when to conceal that superiority is a great proof of prudence.

A tree is fertilized by its own broken branches and falling leaves and grows out of its own decay, so men and nations are bettered and improved by trial and refined out of better hopes and blighted expectations.

Competency is a financial horizon which recedes as we advance. This word signifies—a little more than we possess. We are none of us wealthy enough in our own opinion, although we may be too much so in the opinion of others.

Whatever helps you in books or reading or literary culture, to live a broader, nobler life, is God-sent and God-blessed. Whatever hinders you or drags you down is not from above but from below. Make all things then help on a pure and noble life.

Culture means that which you add to the raw material in any direction by skill or labor. Intellectual culture then means the brain made most of, the brain developed, the brain cultured, blossoming, bearing its finest, sweetest and truest fruit.

Man is so far from being influenced only by the moment that is passing over his head, that he looks back to centuries past for the guide of his actions, and to centuries to come for their motive in contradiction to the animal. (Comparison of man and animal.)

Wisdom dwells in blue skies and broad sunshine, and the wide hills, and infinite waters; in peace of mind and freedom and the worship of the earth. He is poverty stricken who is so absorbed in the one enclosure, of which he holds the title-deeds, that he loses the grasp on the bending universe.

We are all struggling towards a kingdom, if our lives hold the least element of worth. To give the throne to our higher nature, and to compel the lower and the passional to fall in proper prostration at its footstool; to hold always and everywhere *nobleness* and truth and purity in honor; to live a life firm with principle, beautiful with sacrifice, beneficent with help, marshalled under duty—in a word, to win the kingdom of one's self for Christ—that is the only worthy end of a worthy life.

"Mystery of God, thou brave and beauteous world,
Made fair with light and shade and stars and flowers,
Made fearful and august with woods and rocks,
Jagg'd precipice, black mountain, sea in storms,
Sun over all, that no concealment shuns
But through heaven's pavement rifts as in despite
Or mockery of the littleness of man!
I see a mighty arm, by man unseen,
Resistless, not to be controlled, that guides,
In solitude of un-shared energies,
All these thy ceaseless miracles, O, world!"

BY THE OPEN FIRE.

Before the fire we sat and talked,
My dear familiar friend and I;
In the dim light our tongues were loosed,
And hearts responding quick and true,
Each to the other whispered low
The dreams, the hopes, the aims of life.
The fire burned brightly, and we spoke
Of friends afar and near; our thoughts
Were active with the world's events,
With daily life, its tasks, its cares,
Its comforts and its sweet rewards,
The plans we had for future work,
The castles built, were manifold.
But as the brilliant flames died down,
And only glowing coals were seen,
We spoke of those forever dear—
Whose memories alone remained
To cheer our lives; they seemed so near
To us who thus sat side by side,
And as we rose to say good-night,
Deep in each soul uprose this prayer:
Dear Lord, keep thou within our hearts
The fire of love forever bright!

Why is the open fire so captivating, so fascinating to us all? What is the power it exerts or the charm it possesses? Not that of warmth alone, for the clumsiest affair of iron or brick can give that. But the open fire, whether in ancient fireplace, modern grate, or even the primitive bonfire, catches and holds our attention. It exercises a magic spell upon the serious, the gay, the phlegmatic, the cynical. Under its genial rays we sober, matter of fact people are molded into the most sympathetic and confiding of creatures. How easy in the circle of its rosy glow to speak our hopes and confess our secret thoughts, hitherto hidden so carefully from the glare of daylight.

What is the potent force which so enthralls us? Is it the constant charge, the glowing, quivering flames dancing so alluringly, fluttering so daintily, bursting into broad gleams, blazing into glory? Or is it perhaps because it suggests enthusiasm, spirit, activity, bustle, hurry, and all the live things of life.

Given the fireplace, a plentiful variety of fuel, a poker—*presto, change!* We are Archimedes possessing the lever and the fulcrum; we are Napoleon waiting not for circumstances but creating them! Sitting comfortably before the fire, gazing into the glowing depths, what pictures we see, what stories we read, what castles we erect, what poems we write! We see the faces of loved ones, but as we look they vanish, fortresses and cathedrals appear, to fall and crumble into ashes; great retinues and armies pass in review before us. We acquire the art of divination and can prophesy, reading the future from the golden present.

But the very best of the open fire is its friendliness to those around it, its sincere hospitality and cheery welcome. Will you come to mine? I can assure you of the heartiest sympathy and the earnest wish that we may become truest friends ere the New Year wanes.

Extract from recent letter: "Two of my Christmas gifts were a hair brush and a bundle of ornamented shaving paper. *I am bald headed and I never shave!*"

Lucia.

"NE PLUS ULTRA."

The Copper Mine of That Name Sold.

A Stockton Syndicate the Purchaser—Development Work Is in Progress.

The old Ne Plus Ultra copper mine, situated on the Daulton ranch on the line between Berenda and Raymond in Madera county, has been sold to a Stockton syndicate.

The mine was first discovered by the late N. L. Bachman, and in 1865 a company was formed and incorporated with Judge C. G. Sayle as president and Judge E. O. Winchell as secretary. The mine was operated a number of years, the ore being hauled to Stockton by ox teams and thence shipped to Swansea in Wales, for reduction, it being somewhat rebellious in character, and there being at that time no reduction works on this coast.

The mine was closed down in 1877 owing to the low price of copper and the high rates of freight demanded by the railroad.

In June, 1896, the parties to the present purchase, under a contract, resumed work on the mine and the result was so satisfactory that they have taken advantage of the option and will erect reduction works on the ground. The first payment has been made already, and the working of the mine will be pushed by the new owners.

Besides the Daulton estate there are several Fresnans interested. Judge Sayle is the present president of the company, N. L. F. Bachman is secretary, Alex Goldstein is treasurer and Judge Seth Mann of Oakland and John F. Daulton are the other directors. The estate of Dr. Lewis Leach and A. H. Blasingame, as well as Judge Winchell, hold extensive interests in the stock.

The recent developments show a fine quality of "peacock" ore. The mine is probably one of the best on the coast and its development will undoubtedly contribute greatly to the prosperity of Madera county and place its various mines on a better basis.

TEMPERANCE ADDRESSES.

Overflow Meeting Had to Be Provided Sunday Evening.

The temperance meetings held in the K street Methodist church and the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening were very largely attended.

There had been but one announced, that in the M. E. church. The one in the Presbyterian church was an overflow meeting, and while the M. E. church was packed to its utmost capacity, the other was quite well filled.

The principal speakers were Dr. O. A. Bateman, grand lecturer, and Rev. F. E. Coulter, grand counselor of the I.O.G.T. The former spoke for forty minutes in the Presbyterian church, and the other for the same length of time in the M. E. church. Then they changed places, so that each audience was privileged to hear both.

Some telling truths were presented by each of them that it will be well for the people to bear in mind and act upon.

Several of the local clergy took brief parts in the meeting, Revs. Carpenter, Burbank, Graves and Martin at the M. E. church, and Revs. Eccleston and Munn at the Presbyterian church.

Constable W. M. Spencer of Selma has appointed Robert F. Staley his deputy.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

DR. H. EHRLICH

—THE EMINENT—

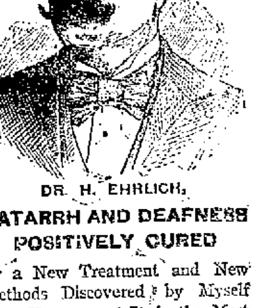
Oculist and Aurist

From Berlin, Germany, will make his next visit to

FRESNO, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th, HUGHES BLOCK,

And return once a month. Do you want that Catarrh cured? Do you want that Deafness cured? Do you want to see with those weak, watery dim eyes? If so, go and consult Dr. Ehrlich this trip. It costs you nothing to get his opinion this trip. 300 patients have been treated by him lately and all are pleased. His wonderful cures are bringing the deaf and blind from all sections for relief, and they go home and tell others and the crowd increases each month. A hundred cases of Deafness and Noises have tried his new cure for that disease and they say it is the grandest discovery to suffering humanity. Can give private reference to as many as you wish to go and see who have suffered and are cured. Thirty-five people suffering with weak eyes have thrown away their glasses and are able to see again. Write to your friends and go early, as rooms are crowded all day. Consultation free.

Beware of Imitations.—My success and ability in curing hundreds has stirred up a band of imitators, who are canvassing from house to house to procure patients. Remember, I have no connection with any institute. I do not employ cheap graduates. All of my patients receive my personal attention.



DR. H. EHRLICH,

CATARRH AND DEAFNESS POSITIVELY CURED

by a New Treatment and New Methods Discovered by Myself Two Years ago. It is the Most Wonderful Discovery of this Age on Nose and Ear Diseases.

Cross Eyes straightened in one minute without pain or chloroform, and patients go home with it quickly. Granulated Eyes, Weak, Watery Eyes, Drooping Eyelids, Wild Hairs, Astigmatism, Nearsightedness, and all Eye Strains cured. Glasses fitted when all others fail.

Polypus Tumors of the Nose, Enlarged Tonsils, Granulated Sore Throat, Loss of Voice, all Diseases of the Nose and Throat cured quickly and permanently.

Noises in the Ears stopped in every case. Discharging Ears cured in every case. Deafness—we cure 90 per cent. of the cases, no matter how long you have been deaf. It is not the length of time, but the changes in the ear that make it incurable. Come and see me, I can tell you in five minutes whether curable or not.

Catarrh—I can cure every case. Treatment gives immediate relief. Remember, if you have any disease of the

EYES, EARS, NOSE AND THROAT,

Read what these people have to say. If that does not satisfy you come and see me and I will refer you to over 5,000 cured by me. Among them are doctors, lawyers, bankers, business men and workingmen, and if you can find any one of these that say they ever had or saw used the treatment I used, I will treat you free. If you are coming, come early and have the advantage of this long stay.

BACK FROM DAWSON.

W. E. Knowles Returns From the Alaskan Gold Field.

W. E. Knowles, who formerly resided at Selma, came down from San Francisco on Sunday on a business trip and returned yesterday. Mr. Knowles last week returned from Dawson, where he went to bond a rich mine for capitalists whom he represented. He and seven companions made the trip from Dawson over the ice and snow in twenty-seven days, and Mr. Knowles says he wants no more of it. The thermometer ranged between 56 and 72 degrees below zero.

Mr. Knowles says that everything in the vicinity of Dawson has been located, and there are now about 2000 men wintering along the Yukon who will go out in the spring to prospect in the hope of finding other rich gravel. He says that only men with money should go to Alaska.

The Berry brothers are working several men on their claim, paying them $1.50 an hour, and the brothers will have a clean-up of at least half a million dollars to bring out in the spring. Mr. Knowles says there is no danger of starvation in the camp.

Mr. Knowles' name was unfortunately confounded in the press dispatches with a Knowles who was arrested at Oakland for embezzlement a few months ago. The Fresno county man was in Alaska at the time and did not know of the disagreeable but incorrect reports till he returned.

Two Divorces.

Judge Webb granted two divorces yesterday. He awarded Eva J. Garver a separation from John F. Garver on the ground of desertion, and the bonds of matrimony which held Elizabeth Knott and John Knott together were severed because John had been cruel to his spouse.

Klondyke Customs Duties.

Ottawa, Ont., January 3.—Minister Clifford Sifton, who has just returned from Washington states that he is greatly pleased with his conference with the members of the United States government regarding Yukon affairs. He has succeeded, he says, in making satisfactory arrangements respecting goods entering Canadian territory for the Klondyke and other points at Dyea and Skagway. The $6 per day which was charged by Canadian customs officers upon goods which were put over the passes will be abolished and in future all that will be required at Dyea and Skagway will be a certificate upon arrival and the duty will be paid on reaching the territory. This he thought would prove a satisfactory arrangement. Mr. Sifton will present these matters to the cabinet at the first meeting.

A Filibuster Chased.

Charlotte Harbor, December 28.—Information has been received here on board the United States steamship Montgomery that during the night of December 27th the revenue cutter McLean chased a suspicious looking steamer and also fired upon her. The supposed filibuster kept on her course, and as the Somers N. Smith has not arrived here it is believed she may have been the vessel fired upon. There are three expeditions fitting out, one at Plante City, one at Sarasota and another at Punta Gorda. All the channels are guarded. Two more revenue cutters are expected here.

BORN.

STEVENS—In this city, January 1, 1897, to the wife of Ollie Stevens, a son.

DIED.

BRANNAN—In the county hospital, January 1, 1898, William Brannan, aged 52 years.

WINTEMUTE—In this city, January 3, 1898, Viola Pearl Wintemute, a native of California, aged 14 years, 8 months and 15 days.

MAN OUT OF TOWN

Indulges in New Year Reflections.

Influence of the City on Clothes.

A New View of the Currency Question—The Sturdy Grain Farmer.

From Sunday's Daily.

The bells are once more ringing the old year out and a new year in for me as they have for years. I have climbed up the sunny side of the hill and am now on my way down into the valley. How far it is to the foot of the hill I cannot see; how long it will take me to get there I cannot tell. Although the sun is shining as brightly as ever, there is a hazy, impenetrable atmosphere always in front of me. I may be close to the foot and may get there today or tomorrow, or I may yet be a long way off and for years to come will hear the chims of the bells ringing in a new year.

While climbing up the sunny side, with my eyes ever turned to the summit, as each new year came in I was full of the resolves of what I would do and be when the upward journey was ended. It is ended. I did not find a realization of my youthful dreams and aspirations, but was blessed and made content in many other ways, humbler, but more enduring and satisfying, which will keep my journey bright to the end.

In all the varying fortunes of my life my best and truest friend has been my body. Many times have I tried its endurance and subjected it to all manner of discomfort and pain. Sometimes it has rebelled and shrank from the task imposed upon it, but never has it for a day laid itself down upon a bed of sickness, or failed to do my bidding. Faithful, obedient and true, it has waited upon all my caprices, whims and follies. Like the vagabond and his dog Roger, we understand each other well by this time. From my earliest days I had a clear conception of the value of my companion for life and gave it good care and consideration; and now, after all these years of toil and trouble, it is as ready as ever to meet the fortune of the day. That we must part at the foot of the hill gives me inexpressible pain. We have been such companions on the road that I would take it with me beyond the into the valley. The creed that teaches the resurrection of the body and that "in my flesh I shall see God" may be but a myth, but it is my full appreciation.

The penance and flagelation inflicted upon the human body for the sanctification and glory of the spirit by the religious fanatics of all ages and peoples, is something incredible. A more diabolical impulse never moved spirit of man. The souls of such should have been housed within the skin of a rhinoceros. I shall cherish my body as my best gift, nourish and protect it, and consider it in all the toil of the days yet to come; believing it to be the will of the Creator that I do so; and when we part in the shadow of the valley I shall know it has earned the welcome plaudit "well done, good and faithful servant."

"The influence of a city or town upon the surrounding country, not only upon its material progress, but upon its social and educational life is rarely considered. If a city like Fresno is full of the spirit of enterprise, with a strong, healthy, social life, love of the beautiful, abounding in hope and charity, it will permeate all surrounding communities having intercourse with it. These influences flowing out into the country, return laden with the elements of growth and prosperity for the city."

This is what I wrote in one of my contributions last winter, and now I will tell you something about these influences which I had much occasion to note during my tours as advance agent for the thresher and barley crusher the past summer, and which is insignificant as it may seem, in the matter of dress and personal appearance. It does not require more than a trip or so to enlighten the most indifferent that Fresno city is no place to appear in other than respectably dressed; not expensively, but in regard to cleanliness and neatness, and also in consideration of what people may think of you as they size you up while taking in your personal appearance. There are a few notable exceptions which drift into town and out, so notable indeed that I dare not be more explicit, but the attention they attract from the passerby verifies my proposition.

Before coming to Fresno we lived at Slovenville, a small burg on the railroad and the trading center of quite a country around about. It consisted of the regulation front row of stores, saloons, blacksmith shops, etc., and another row beyond as the resident portion, with the back yards facing the world with all their interesting assortments of debris and junk. Thither we took our stuff to barter and do our trading, as we do now in Fresno. If you should meet Eliza and me, especially Eliza, you would never take her for the same Eliza that drove her cart into Slovenville with her coop of hens—not much. She was the same Eliza the first trip she took to your beautiful city, but not since. The glassy eye she got from our next door neighbor with her fine feathers, on Mariposa street—well, women learn some things awfully quick and this was one of them.

Anything in the way of dress would do to drive in with, for it was the habit to leave for the town as we came out of the kitchen or the barn. It was "Love's labor lost" to dress up for the burg, for Slovenville had no style, no fashions, no ambition, pride or get-up about it. If a farmer came into town minus his overalls, jumper and barnyard hat everybody knew he was off for the bay. Such was the inverse influence of Slovenville upon the improvement of its surroundings.

We, many of us, go pretty seedy looking around home, but when we go to Fresno we spruce up. I never changed clothes so much in my life as since I got into this colony. This dual life which we all lead in the matter of dress has occasioned me much mortification in my line of business. I have had to make the acquaintance of many of our customers twice, once on the ranch and again in Fresno, and a peculiarity I noted was that the further they lived from the city the greater the divergence in their dual costumes. In my travels around I found the women folks very generally neat and presentable, much more so than the men; but when they go to the city their transformation is in proportion and their identification equally bewildering.

Dress is a great civilizer and promoter of self-respect. All men and women have a better opinion of themselves when well dressed. There is a power in dress, not extravagant, but neat and tasty, that cannot be ignored. A well dressed and a shabby person can never meet as equals; the one feels it and the other knows it. So this desire to be properly appreciated stimulates us to give our best side to the world—and Fresno.

It is said that there will be no currency legislation in congress this winter. Mr. Hanna has an idea that there will be, but what, no one can tell. Well, I am not at all astonished; I would be if there were any. I have come to the conclusion that if there is any one thing the American people don't know anything about it is the currency question. We have had for several years what we called campaigns of education and we knew just as much in the beginning as we do now. If Diogenes would quit looking for that honest man and turn his attention to one who understands this question he would have a longer job. I have found honest men, but never one that had a clear idea of the ins and outs of the currency question, and the members of congress so represent our manifold ideas on the subject that no unanimity can be expected. The truth is the whole question is a matter of theory, and the land is full of it. Closely analyzing a theory we find the origin of it to be a selfish one. The proponents of each theory looks at the theory only from the standpoint of his own interest. The banker, the capitalists, the lender and the borrower, the man in the West with his silver mines and the man in the East with his bonds—each asserts that his theory is the best for the country, but he knows nothing about it beyond the part of the country represented in himself. I have questioned many people and found that their argument was but assertion backed up by a stubborn faith, yet could give no reason for the faith that was in them.

But there is one proposition that seems to be a general favorite, and to which they retreat when too hard pressed in their monetary theories, and that is the government ownership of all the currency. A good deal of this emanates from a decided hostility to granting the banks any immunities and privileges not granted to everybody, and this arises not from any evils so far developed from the banknote system which they can demonstrate, but from special privileges and powers granted to capital. As for the Gage plan, the part that can be understood extends the immunities of the banks, and the part, the outcome of which cannot be foreseen, being in the realms of theory, is given to the people.

The best thing to do about this currency business is to go slow till we shall have learned something. There is a good deal of the political fad about it anyway, and it is not such a bugaboo as many make it out. From the best standpoint I can find a contraction of the currency is nothing but contraction of an inclination to loan it. When you can't borrow the money you need, you declare that money is scarce, not enough to do the business of the country, always short just the amount you need; but the truth is the inclination to loan it to you is scarce. There is ample currency to do all the business of the country, supplemented as it is with the system of checks, drafts, exchange, deposit certificates, etc. The remedy seems to be the adoption of some method of running this government so the inclination to loan will expand and not contract. There is as much money to pay for wheat at $1.25 this year as there was two years ago to pay 75 cents.

The grain farmers of Fresno have pulled through the past few years of low prices somehow, goodness only knows how, and are as buoyant and full of go today as ever. In my intercourse with them I found them, with here and there an exception, to be men in the prime of life, full of vigor, and the hope that springs eternal in the human breast. They are all rustlers, good workers and honest, and this has been their salvation. Many of them would have been crushed out of shape by capital which in its various forms had a string on them excepting for their high character. Capital is a splendid thing to get in with when it is merciful, but deadly when joined to cruelty. From my point of observation capital in Fresno is merciful. In some instances it was, as a farmer put it, "a ground hog case" for capital to be merciful, but as a rule the character of the appellant stayed the hand.

The younger generation is coming into play here and there and adding to the ranks of the strong and vigorous by setting aside the old man and taking his place. I came across quite a number of such case and as I have learned of the marriage of a number of them I expect the old lady is going into a total eclipse also. These changes come along slowly and by degrees. It generally begins at the plow and brings up at the bank. The first place the old farmer realizes his coming fate is in the handling of the big teams that work the farm. Here is where he first loses his grip and the son takes the line into his vigorous hand and begins his sway on the place. When a man ceases to care to go to the bunkhouse in the evening and talk "mule" with the boys, and you find his son there taking the lead in bragging on "lazy Beck" or "kicking Sal," you may gamble that his days are being numbered. His influence wanes and therefore when the mules are debatable they seek the rising star. All this is as it should be and many times this summer it has delighted me to see the energy and judgment displayed by the young men. So, thanks to the mules, the standard of the Fresno farmer will continue to be a vigorous one.

On one occasion, when I had convinced the young wife that they could never succeed in farming unless they employed our machines, I casually asked if there were any men folks about. "Ah, yes," she said hastily, "Jim's father, but you must see Jim; I want you to see Jim, he has all the say-so about things and his father has nothing to do about it." She had not long been married to "Jim" and I saw she was jealous of any divided authority on the place, so I said, "of course not." The authority and prestige of Jim was safe in her custody, and she was always there if he was not.

JOSEPHUS.

NEAL DOW LODGE.

Open Meeting in Edgerly Hall on Friday Evening.

There is a decided revival of interest in the cause of temperance in Fresno at present, and Neal Dow Lodge of the I.O.G.T., which was recently organized, is being given an impetus that will undoubtedly result in some successful work. The local branch has decided to rent Edgerly hall for its meetings, and the meeting night has been changed from Saturday to Friday.

On next Friday evening an open meeting will be given, to which the public will be invited. A fine literary and musical program will be rendered. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the literary society of the Fresno Business college. It will open at 7.30 o'clock.

Miss Bessie Whited to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McBean left last night for San Francisco to attend the wedding of Miss Bessie Whited to Forest Kelton of that city. The marriage will take place this evening at 7.30 o'clock. The bride is well known in Fresno, having resided here a few years ago with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whited, while her father was connected with this division of the Southern Pacific railroad. The groom is connected with the auditing department of Wells, Fargo & Company.

Trouble Above.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Recording Angel and his many thousands of extra assistants were certainly overworked, and all had that tired feeling.

"What is the trouble?" asked a late arrival.

"Trouble enough," grumbled the keeper of books. "I even had to send below a large percentage of my own people for profanity. Our extra rush is keeping tab on those fellows on earth who swear for writing '97 instead of '98."

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want! Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

THE PUBLIC PARK

Facts That Must be Considered.

Correct Location of the Land Shown.

Law Governing the Municipality in the Establishment of a Park.

From Sunday's Daily.

The proposition of F. Roeding and August Weihe to donate a tract of 260 acres immediately northwest of the city for a public park for Fresno is receiving much consideration from the citizens of the municipality. It is an important matter for the city's future and it deserves the thorough investigation that is being given it.

The liberality of Messrs. Roeding and Weihe is fully appreciated. Every citizen feels that the capitalists are offering the gift for the good of Fresno and its people. The land is situated but a short distance from the city's limits, and 260 acres of it is quite valuable. The purpose of the proposition is a very laudable one and the two capitalists have shown commendable public spirit.

But the question with the taxpayers is whether or not the municipality would be justified in agreeing to expend $5000 annually for five years in improving the park, a condition that is required by Messrs. Roeding and Weihe in their offer. They desire to see a park and want the assurance that Fresno will make one on the land donated.

G. C. Freman, the attorney who is representing Mr. Roeding in the negotiations, was interviewed by a REPUBLICAN reporter yesterday. He stated that Messrs. Roeding and Weihe were willing to donate the land on the distinct understanding that it was only to be used as a park. They deemed $25,000 a very reasonable amount to require for the improvement of the park in five years. This amount would not complete it, but the expenditure of $25,000 would insure the city's carrying out the improvement of the entire tract.

Messrs. Weihe and Roeding will permit the laying out of the park to be done in parts. The work can be commenced on the portion lying nearest the city, and it can then be extended out in subsequent years, as the municipality's financial condition will warrant. The city will not be confined to the expenditure of exactly $5000 every year, the definite requirement being that $25,000 shall be expended in five years.

Mr. Freman stated that the present board of trustees, if it accepted the proposition, would not bind succeeding boards in any way. The law would not permit any such action. The attorney explained that Messrs. Roeding and Weihe would give a conditional deed to the land. If the city did not fulfill its part of the contract by expending the required amount of money, then the property would revert to the donors. The present municipal board could merely carry out its part of the contract and leave it to the judgment of their successors to do their part. Should they not favor expending any more money in improving the park, then the city will lose the land. It is presumed, however, that if the city accepts the proposition it will carry out the project. If $5000 or more has been expended it is also to be presumed that the opportunity to have a park will not then be cast aside.

There is unanimity of feeling that a park such as planned would be of great benefit and value to the people of Fresno. Besides having a resort where they could have an opportunity for pleasant outdoor recreation, the establishment of a park would undoubtedly mean much in the future development of Fresno. There could be no better advertisement of the progressive spirit of the place, and the attention of visitors to California from all parts of the world would be attracted. The advantages are such that a handsome park would be established, and the visitor would be given a very favorable impression of the country.

Fresno is probably not large enough now to maintain a park of 260 acres, but the city undoubtedly has a great future and it will not be many years till it will be able and glad to do so. Meantime the work of improvement can be begun, A part can be laid out first and Messrs. Roeding and Weihe are willing that the municipality should use the remainder of the land as it may see fit. This could be utilized so as to become a source of income to the city.

Should the city of Fresno accept the offer of the tract, the following act of the legislature, passed in 1889, will be that under which it will operate:

"Section 1. Any incorporated city and county or city or town in this state may acquire and hold land for the uses and purposes of public parks, or public boulevards, or both, either by purchase, with the consent of the owner, or by condemnation, under the provisions of the civil code of procedure of the state of California, title seven of part three.

"Section 2. The land to be so acquired and held may be within the corporate limits of the city and county or city or town or conveniently adjacent thereto; and in either case it should be subject to the jurisdiction of the municipality acquiring it, and to the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations thereof.

"Section 3. The Board of Supervisors, city council, trustees or other municipal legislative board may by ordinance determine what lands are necessary and proper to be acquired for the uses and purposes aforesaid.

"Section 4. The city may, in addition to the annual tax, levy for other municipal purposes, and at the same time and in the same manner cause to be assessed and levied upon the taxable property within the municipality an annual tax in such amount as may be deemed necessary and proper for the acquisition or maintenance or improvement of its public park, and the revenue so obtained shall be applied to no other use or purpose.

"Section 5. The trustees may call an election and submit to the qualified electors of the municipality the proposition to issue the bonds of the municipality to a specified amount, the proceeds of the sale of which shall be applied exclusively to the acquisition, maintenance and improvement of the park."

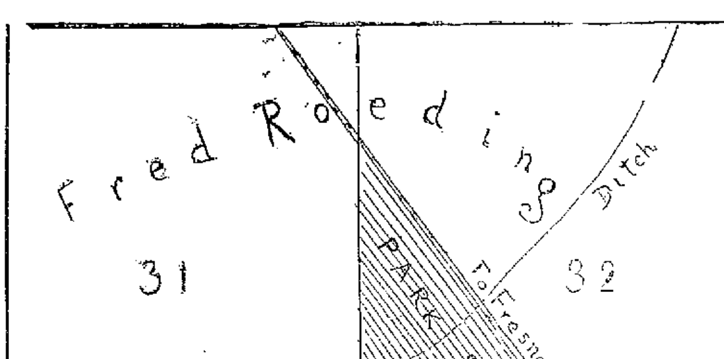
A two-thirds vote is necessary to carry a bond proposition.

There is no provision in the law for a commission to take charge of the park, which has been suggested as a good plan. The commission for the Golden Gate park in San Francisco was created by a special act of the legislature.

The city trustees will in all probability consider the park matter at their meeting tomorrow night. It is likely that they will have a lively session over other matters, and possibly extended consideration of the Roeding and Weihe offer will be deferred.

The acute angle on Mr. Roeding's land, at the junction of the railroad and the cemetery road, is exactly half a mile distant from the city limits.

THE PROPOSED PARK SITE.



The above is a rough diagram of the surroundings of the proposed park site on the northwesterly side of this city, offered by Messrs. F. Roeding and Aug. Weihe. The site is the triangular space, indicated by shading, included between the S. P. R. R. main line, Cemetery avenue (with the 40-acre tract of Aug. Weihe) and the dividing line between blocks 31 and 32. Kroeger's school house lies in the adjoining block to the eastward.

A New Year's Party.

A very pleasant New Year's party was given by Miss Nevada Osborn at her home on Abbey street Friday evening. The evening quickly passed away, games, music and conversation being indulged in, after which all sat down to a fine supper. At the beginning of the New Year all departed, wishing each other all happiness. Miss Osborn proved a charming hostess. Those present were: Mr. G. P. Cummings, Rev. Mount, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Will Weaver, Mrs. T. H. Adams, Misses Nina Brower, Edie Hodges, Susie Diamond, Georgia Cummings and Maggie Brooks; Messrs. N. Daw, Ivy Harris, Scott Ballagh, Clarence Hite, J. M. Smith, Lee Sims and Ed Hertwick.

The Transmission Line to Hanford.

Work on the San Joaquin Electric Company's transmission line between Fresno and Hanford will commence on the 10th inst. The poles and other material are expected in Fresno this week. It is proposed to finish the work within seventy days.

FROM RANDSBURG

J. C. Ezzell Says the Camp is Prospering.

A Rich Mineral Country Where Many Good Paying Mines May Be Found.

J. C. Ezzell of Randsburg was in Fresno yesterday. He is largely interested in the mining industry, owning several good claims and representing a miner's supply wholesale house. In speaking of the Randsburg mines yesterday, Mr. Ezzell said:

"Randsburg is not booming, but is making a substantial growth. The mines are turning out some rich ore and there is a continual development of newly discovered leads. Several very rich strikes were recently made on claims near Randsburg and nearly every mine down there that is worked scientifically is turning out pay ore.

"There is a vast quantity of gold in that section and some day Randsburg will be one of the greatest mining camps in the world. There are gold croppings all over the country, although many of the leads cannot yet be profitably worked on account of the ore being difficult to handle. In time this refractory ore will all be utilized and a large force of men be employed in working these leads.

"At present the richer leads are being worked and a number of mines are making their owners a mint of money. A fourth interest in one mine was recently sold for $60,000. The party that made the sale was a lawyer and secured the property by his jawbone. He represented the owners in a lawsuit and took the fourth interest as his fee.

"Wood and water are not plentiful in the Randsburg district and this is the greatest drawback that the camp has to contend with. Where you have to buy your drinking water and haul your fuel a long distance there must be special inducements for a man to locate.

"The developments so far are so promising that claim owners do not regret the hardships and expense that they have endured, and all are confident of striking it rich during 1898. The dry diggings do not turn out any great fortunes, but many men make fair wages working them. You may expect some good reports from the Randsburg district during this year."

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

O'TOOLE AND ZEIG RESTORED TO FAVOR

"Am I celebratin' the Noo Year? Well, 'tain't the Noo Year alone what me an' Zeig's givin' the jolly to," said O'Toole, as he shot the cork from a small bottle against the ceiling.

"Me, Zeig an' the *Expositor* is ticklin' ourself with a feather because we's so glad what '98 has come, an' the 'lection will soon come round when we votes the farmer guys for the *Expositor* ticket which makes me an' Zeig the main push in doin' the county biz an' gettin' all the contracts for printin' which will all be let to the lowest bidder—if any body should happen to ask you. You see, we's always looks forward, as I's sayin' before—to the day when we'll have the chance to do good to these blessed farmers an' give them some of the good old government what we has in the locker for them. But that ain't no particular reason why we should celebrate, because the farmers all knows what we's workin' day an' night to push the clouds away an' do the right thing when they leads us up to the county crib next November; an' they's sure to do it an' skin the Repubs all up.

"No, 'tain't the Noo Year what's biten' us this time an' that ain't the reason I's blowin' myself up again' the imported stuff what Bill McKinley makes so high by his unconstitootional, legatized high tariff robbery what me an' Zieg has to drown our mulligrubs in plain Dago Red 'cept in cases like this. No, 'tain't no Noo Year's high-jinks alone what we's t'inkin' of.

"What! we's must a had some dead easy game? Wall, 'tain't just exactly a push over when A. B. he comes offen the roof, but that's what he's did. He's came off just like a little man an' up's an' sends me an' Zieg some of the imported stuff what he says beats axle grease for curin' up the wounds what a man gets in the public service—an' A. B. he oughter know, 'cause he's been all shot to pieces.

"What's the cat-a- waulin? Well—ha—ha! that's Zieg, an' his singin'—ha ha!—singin' "Auld Lang Sine."

"Well, anyway, the last back A. B. he took at me an' Zieg wasn't just like smokin' the peace pipe. He had his ax out an' his hammer, too, an' was a knockin' pretty promiscuous like—which comes from bein' in bad company with Uncle Collie. So he thinks what the young men on the mornin' sheet was a gettin' us on the hip on some of the fairy tales what we's been tellin' about the thievin' Repubs, an' so he gives the Heavenly Twins the mallet which makes Zieg have the Chinese gazita an' he pulls most of his hair out. Me an' Zieg tells A. B. what he oughter not to use the choppin' block, an' what me an' Zieg pulls the *Expositor* outer the hole just the same on the small gob of trut' what we puts in those things we writes about the den of forty thieves at the County Asylum.

"Well, me an' Zieg, we's onto ourself with both feet—an' that's a good deal on—an' we's know what we's come down from the Gateway City for, so we tells A. B. to stop the deal. But A. B. he don't get on an' he don't stop, an' he heats up just like a cold-storage plant in the mont of August an' he says what the lie foundry must be run more on the dead level or the whole purety push goes to 'ell ker plunk. Well, 'taint no use. A. B. he thinks he knows an' me an' Zieg we's think we knows an' A. B. wants more trut' in what we writes about the gang in the court house, an' when Zieg he thinks about havin' to tell more trut' he goes off into the high strikes, acts dead leary, has spasms an' bruises hisself all up. That was a dead cold frost for me an' Zieg.

"Well, me an' Zieg we thinks the thing over an' we shuts the dang paper up for two or three days just to give the boys a chance to shake the dice for the farmers' turkeys an' spend Christmas with the kids an' not a single bloke got on, an' they don't know about A. B's. Christmas present to me and Zieg what made us feel like we's been kicked by a blessed farmer's twelve hundred pound mule. So me an' Zieg lays low an' the thieves, robbers, cutthroats an' midnight assassins in the courthouse an' Roberts precinct don't know what's the lay. But me and Zieg knows our biz an' we waits. An' then what happens? Well, just what we's knowed was a goin' to bust did bust an' that's what fixed A. B. an' brought the case of the imported.

"What busted? Well, the Gran' Jury an' the five dollar a day experts made the report what was in the 'identical' words what was wrote in the *Expositor* all winter to burn up the thievin' Repubs. See! An' this fixes me an' Zieg all solid with A. B. Me and Zieg knowed it—knowed it all the time, an' that's the reason we's told A. B. 'tain't no use knockin'. So A. B. he sees what the Gran' Jury an' the experts uses the 'identical' langwidge what was in the *Expositor* an' what me an' Zieg didn't told no lies an' ain't done no politics because the Gran' Jury stands pat an' then A. B. comes offen the roof an' says what he'll be true to me and Zieg.

"Well, the gran' jury says what everyone says about the Repub. push in the court house is the trust, an' what nearly all the officers is short in cash an' if they don't handle no cash then they's short on brains or some other old thing; any way they's all short, an' thieves just like we's been tellin' the farmer all these months. Then the gran' jury says what things is so dang rotton in the County Asylum what we's don't need no health officer any more, but what the supervisors just has Lew Rose, the Pop. janitor, to scatter some chloride of lime aroun' an' that makes the whole county healthy—just as we's told the farmer and in the '*identical*' langwidge what we uses in the *Expositor*.

"Then we's gets the report of the experts what ain't got no time 'tu go over all the books an' show up the thievin gang what's runnin' the county, an' one of the experts ain't got no time to get made into a American citizen. They only has time, at $5 a time, to put the ex-ray on some of the places what hurts the gang the most an' they finds just what me an' Zieg's been tellin' the farmer all along—thievery, robbery an' stealin' of dough what belongs to the farmer—an' they writes it down in the very '*identical*' langwidge what the *Expositor* uses.

"Well, they ain't got no time to tackle the swamp land fund—ha-ha! Excuse me till I pores another pint of A-B's imported down me neck. They just looks into that hole which is $10,000 deep an' what the Repubs has to fill on they don't take no chance fallin' in an' so they gives it the go-by because they havn't got no time an' lets Jake Whitson do the figgerin' on how much fillin' it takes.

"Well, you see, everything turns our way an' the reports makes us all solid with the farmer, as you can see with one eye what we's been tellin' the dead level trut' all the time an' what we's said about the offices has been clinched, by the gran' jury an' the experts, like an old wire nail on the other side of the fence; an' so A. B. he's squared and says what me an' Zieg's among the finest an' the Evening Purifier does biz with the gang just the same at the old stand, an' the long range breach loadin' lyin' battery is a soakin' the red-hot stuff into the crowd of highbinders what does the county work at the county house which me and Zieg has our eyes on.

"That's the reason champagne ain't none too good for me and Zieg this Noo Year'.

There was an interval of silence during which O'Toole's countenance gradually assumed an impression of frankness. He looked around cautiously and then said in a hoarse whisper:

"Say, the fact is, we's jobbin' A. B. I'd a told you so in the first place if them guys over there hadn't been listenin'. That report was a hard blow to me an' Zieg an' Zieg he fainted when he read it. It took the whole office force to lift him to his legs, but I tell you Zieg's a good 'un. He sits right down an' writes an' editorial what says as the gran' jury's report was 'identical' with the *Expositor* charges, an' what's more we makes A. B. believe it, too. That's me an' Zieg's graft now; but, say, don't leak."

CLOVIS ITEMS.

The Woodmen to Give a Grand Ball—Personal Mention.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Is there anyone in Clovis who is not, or has not been the possessor of a cold or cough? If so, let him speak.

Dr. Corlew has been bed-ridden the past week with a severe cold. He came near having pneumonia, but is now convalescing.

Christmas is over and "Spot" has not yet initiated his calaboose.

The Christmas tree was a grand success, every child in town receiving a little present.

Married—Tuesday, December 28, 1897, by Rev. Green, Miss Lutie Shortridge and James Turner.

The wedding was a very quiet affair. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Turner left for Los Angeles and other points in the south, where they will enjoy their honeymoon. The contracting parties are well and favorably known and the best wishes of their host of friends follow them on their wedding tour. A musical (?) treat is in store for them when they return to reside in Clovis.

Mrs. Ayers has been dangerously ill with bronchitis the past week. Although reported to be slowly improving, she is not yet considered to be out of danger.

The Woodmen are making preparations for their grand annual ball, which will be an invitation affair, and will be given some time next month.

The spiritualistic entertainment given by Robert Maxwell on Monday and Tuesday evenings was not very largely attended. Evidently there are not many in Clovis who wish to be "rapped" into the presence of their departed friends at two-bits a rap.

Nothing succeeds like success, said the turkey, when Mather won him for 50 cents.

We are now having a poultry show in Clovis, judging from the people who daily visit F. B. Mather's yards viewing the birds which won him prizes at the recent show in Fresno.

J. M. Heiskell was in town looking for men to drive plow teams.

C. P. Hone spent Tuesday in the county seat.

Married—At the residence of the bride's parents in Enterprise colony, at 5 p. m. Christmas day, Miss Maggie Irwin and Mr. Cloud Gillespie, the Rev. O. L. Green officiating. The bride wore a costume of white silk with orange blossoms. After the ceremony an elegant dinner was served. Many handsome and useful presents were bestowed upon the happy couple, who will take up their residence in Fresno, where Mr. Gillespie is employed. The following were the invited guests present: The bride's parents, Misses Ida and Ellie Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Jr., of Fresno, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brittan and Mrs. A. N. Tiffany of Clovis, Mr. and Mrs. Kelso and Messrs. Walter and Louis Irwin. Their many friends here wish them prosperity and happiness.

The Woodmen gave another of their excellent socials last night, which was attended by about 100 members and their friends.

The mill closed down Christmas and today, which gives the boys four rest days in two weeks.

A happy New Year to all readers of the REPUBLICAN is the wish of

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THE LABOR EXCHANGE.

Election of Officers Held Yesterday Afternoon.

The members of the Fresno Labor Exchange met at the exchange on J street yesterday afternoon. Regular routine business was transacted and the general welfare of the exchange discussed by the members.

The concern is prospering and the stock of goods has been increased within the past three months. It is planned to greatly increase the usefulness of the exchange during the coming year by enlarging the stock and perhaps starting several small enterprises.

The following officers were elected yesterday to serve during the ensuing year: President, H. P. Johnson; vice president, J. D. Boyd; secretary, George A. Kopler; accountant, J. S. Ambrose; directors, J. H. Wash, Draper Fowler, E. M. Bishop, W. B. Van Vleet, E. J. Harrah; auditing committee, C. Pierson, J. D. Barnes and M. Farley.

The meetings of the exchange will hereafter be held semi-annually instead of once every month.

DECEMBER WEATHER.

There Were Twenty Clear Days During the Month.

J. P. Bolton, who has charge of the local weather bureau, has compiled the following summary of observations taken during the month of December:

Mean atmospheric pressure, 30.30; mean temperature, 45; highest, 61; lowest, 23; greatest daily range, 35; least, 4.

The prevailing direction of the wind was northwest and its total movement 2507 miles. The maximum velocity was 23 miles an hour.

The precipitation was .48 inch; number of days with .01 inch or more, 7.

Number of clear days, 20; partly cloudy, 5; cloudy, 6. There was heavy frost on nineteen days.

J. E. Morton is down from Madera.

THE SUPERVISORS

The Political Ax Is Wielded.

Two Republican Victims of the Triumvirate.

Janitor Rose Also Ousted—Mr. Manly Placed in an Unpleasant Light.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Board of Supervisors convened yesterday for the January session, and the majority, consisting of Messrs. Manly, Sayre and Ward, began the new year's business with a hatchet. Two men, who were so unfortunate as to be Republicans, were decapitated, and one Populist, who had fallen from the grace of the triumvirate, was also led to the block, where his brother Populist, Mr. Manly, assisted in the execution.

Shortly after the board met the matter of appointing county employes was taken up. All those who served last year were re-elected, excepting George Jewell, manager of the county farm, Louis Fagundes, nightwatchman of the court house and keeper of the insane ward, and Lew Rose, the courthouse janitor. Fagundes' place was given to William S. McSwain, and J. W. Gordon was entrusted with the management of the farm. C. C. Corlew, the present assistant janitor, was promoted to the position of chief.

Everything had been arranged beforehand and there was no hitch in the program. Of course the lopping off of Republican heads was expected, for in politics "to the victors belong the spoils." The discharge of Janitor Rose was a surprise, however, and subjoined will be found an interesting communication from the victim.

The appointment of McSwain and Gordon was a result of the last municipal campaign, and those gentlemen were rewarded for the work they did at the city election. Both were on the program to be members of Fresno's police force in the event enough votes could be "found" in wards 2 and 5 to elect the Democratic candidates for city trustees; but the election resulted unfavorably, and McSwain, Gordon, John Perry and others were not placed on the "force."

But yesterday came the opportunity to reward these faithful ones by giving them county jobs, and now they are happy. Just how the country Democrats relish the idea of the city politicians running things for the county as well, is something that will probably be revealed later on.

The appointments made yesterday were all on the condition that the employes should serve "at the pleasure of the board." This means that if every man does not do his duty as a Democratic majority sees it he'll get the bounce.

The board convened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with all the members present.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved, a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Mrs. Susan T. Cox for $150 in payment for a right of way for the J. H. Sprague road.

Mrs. Chidester, an indigent, was allowed an order for $10 worth of groceries. Mrs. Ella Phillips was granted $5 for temporary relief. Mrs. E. Burnside was reinstated on the indigent list at $10 a month.

Then the election of county employes was taken up.

For the position of county physician the applicants were Dr. J. D. Davidson, who has held the place for the past three years, and Dr. O. H. Adair, formerly county health officer and at present city health officer. The salary of the county physician is $133.33 a month, and no reduction was made yesterday, although Dr. Adair made the following offer:

"To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

"I respectfully submit that for the year 1898, if appointed county physician by your honorable board, I will attend the sick of the county hospital, jail and orphanage, giving the same amount of attention that has heretofore been given; and in addition will attend to the duties of the county health office, giving an ample and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of all duties pertaining to these offices for a salary of $90 a month. Very respectfully,

"O. H. ADAIR, M.D."

Davidson was elected, receiving four votes. Supervisor Rose alone voted for Adair.

W. T. Burks, the incumbent, was the only applicant for the position of hospital steward. On motion of Ward, seconded by Garrett, he was unanimously appointed.

For the office of manager of the county farm the applicants were C. H. Hotaling and G. C. Jewell. Supervisor Ward nominated J. W. Gordon. Jewell received two votes and Gordon three, and the latter was declared elected.

Dr. J. L. Maupin, the present county health officer, was, on motion of Ward, unanimously re-elected.

For the janitorship of the court house the applicants were L. A. Rose, who holds the position at present, and his assistant, C. C. Corlew. The vote stood two for Rose and three for Corlew. The latter was awarded the job.

Louis Fagundes was the only man who wanted to be keeper of the insane ward. Ward named William McSwain for the place, however, and McSwain was the successful man, receiving three votes to two for Fagundes.

When the appointment of a park overseer was taken up L. A. Rose, the janitor, was nominated by Supervisor Garrett and H. F. Martin by Supervisor Manly. Supervisor Rose called attention to the fact that the law provided for a park overseer, the position being in the control of the sheriff. Mr. Rose could see no reason for maintaining two men as park overseers, when one could attend to the duties. The second man was but an imposition on the taxpayers and the supervisor spoke strongly against making the unnecessary appointment.

As a result of Mr. Rose's remarks the matter of electing a parkkeeper was laid over till today.

After this the board did little business before adjourning.

Mrs. Pierce was reinstated on the indigent list at $8 a month.

Mrs. Corinne H. Seymour, president of the Orphans' Home Association, reported that there were fifty inmates in the orphanage on January 1st. Not one of these is a full orphan, some even having both parents living.

A man whose name was not obtained applied to the board to be permitted to go the hospital. Dr. Davidson was communicated with and he opposed the application. The county physician explained that he had performed an operation on the man last summer at the hospital and before he had recovered sufficiently the fellow stole some money in the hospital and sneaked away, going over to the races. He played the money in the pools

The board decided that it could not give such a man assistance and Chairman Sayre instructed the clerk, Ed Bush, to so inform the applicant. Mr. Bush, who is serving as clerk of the board during the temporary absence of Clerk Johnson in San Francisco, conveyed the information to the man, who was sitting behind the railing.

The fellow seemed to think his rights as an American citizen had been ruthlessly trampled upon. "What am I going to do? I am sick and haven't got any money?" he inquired.

Bush told him that if he had behaved himself he would not be asking such questions.

The two bridges across Kings river and Zalda canal have been completed, and the board will probably visit them in a body some time this week.

LEW ROSE'S COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—I desire to make a statement through the columns of your paper in regard to my discharge from the position of county janitor by the supervisors yesterday. There are a few facts in connection with the matter that I think the public ought to know.

I was elected to the position of janitor a year ago, assuming it on February 1, 1897. Since that time I have had the care of the county building in my charge, and so far as I know no one has ever had a word of complaint against me.

I did not know till yesterday forenoon, before the board convened, that I was to be let out, and I certainly was very much surprised when so informed. I could hardly believe that Supervisor W. P. Manly, the Populist member who represents the Second district, would go back on his word, for he had assured me that he would vote to retain me as janitor during 1898.

I own a ranch near Sanger, and while I have been janitor I rented it. On November 1st the lease expired. At the October session of the supervisors, when Mr. Ward succeeded Mr. Smith, I went to Mr. Manly and explained that I desired to know if I would be given the janitorship again in 1898. I told him that if I was not to have the place another year I did not want to lease my farm again; but if assured that it would be given me another year I would rent the ranch

Mr. Manly promised me that he would vote for me again. He said I had given good satisfaction and that he would certainly support me again.

I never entertained any doubt of Supervisor Manly's word. Being certain that with his vote I would get the position for 1898, I leased my place till November 1, 1898. It never occurred to me that Mr. Manly might not carry out his promise. I thought he was an honorable man. I felt assured that I was to be janitor for another year and made arrangements accordingly.

Yesterday forenoon I heard that I was to be let out, and I at once hunted Mr. Manly up and asked him if there was any truth in the report that I had heard. He said there was, that arrangements had been made that way. He explained that there was to be only one janitor and no assistant. I then called his attention to the promise he had made to retain me in the position. He evasively explained that at the time he made the promise to me he had not thought of cutting off the assistant janitor. When I repeated to him what he had said at the time I went to him and asked him whether or not I could be assured of the janitorship another year, he simply evaded direct answers and said "he would consult the other parties," intimating that the decision of the majority of the board might yet be changed so that he could keep his word good.

Mr. Manly admitted that it was at the instance of Supervisor Ward that I was to be discharged, and I think that the Populist party of Fresno county is being shabbily treated, both by the Democratic members of the Board of Supervisors and the Populist members. Both the new appointees of yesterday are Democrats, and I, a Populist, was discharged. The Democrats are certainly not showing appreciation of what the Populists have done for them in this county and, sad to relate, Mr. Manly seems to be led by the Democrats as they see fit.

I was one of the first Populists in Fresno county. I was a delegate to the state convention that met in Los Angeles seven years ago and organized the party in California. I was a delegate in the first Populist convention that met in Fresno county. I have continually been a member of the county central committee and one of the executive committee for the past four years. In the last campaign I contributed about $50 to the party fund, and did active work in the field in behalf of the nominees.

Mr. Manly's action in voting to discharge me, after he had promised faithfully to support me, was more than I had expected of him. His disregard for his word does certainly not reflect any credit on him.

Supervisor Manly's treatment of me is on a par with his treatment of James Van Meter, a son of Attorney E. S. Van Meter, nearly a year ago, when Mr. Manly voted to elect the young man nightwatchman of the court house and then voted to abolish the position. Yesterday Mr. Manly voted to give the position of nightwatchman and keeper of the insane ward to a Democrat. Respectfully,

L. A. ROSS.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE RISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1.

R. F. Ball vs. Crescent Canal Company; trial set for January 11th at 9 a.m.

George Bates et al. to Joseph Escot et al.; trial set for January 18th at 9 a.m.

People's Savings Bank of Fresno vs. T. E. Jones et al.; trial January 12th.

People vs. Jeremiah Denomme; passing of sentence continued till January 5th.

N. L. Palmer vs. G. A. Arnold et al.; demurrer withdrawn and ten days given to answer.

Insolvency of Daniel Steitz; final account of assignee settled.

Fon Kee vs. A. T. Hoffman et al.; hearing of demurrer and motion to strike out continued one week.

Minnesota Threshing Manufacturing Company vs. F. R. Crocker et al.; demurrer to complaint submitted, overruled, and ten days given to answer.

Outhbert-Burrell Company et al. vs. Charles Hudson; demurrer to amended complaint sustained and ten days given to amend.

A. B. Butler vs. William Forsyth; ordered transferred to department 2.

Eli Henderson vs. B. Kelsey; findings submitted.

Insolvency of Elmer Sadler; order of discharge vacated.

Insolvency of Guiseppi Nicholini; certificate of final discharge granted.

BEFORE JUDGE WEBB, DEPARTMENT 2.

L. W. Klein vs. Hobbs & Parsons; motion for a new trial denied.

Eva J. Garver vs. John F. Garver; decree of divorce awarded plaintiff as prayed for.

People's Home Savings Bank vs. R. B. Johnson; judgment of foreclosure awarded plaintiff for $1456.97.

P. AND C. OIL COMPANY.

Officers Elected Yesterday for the Ensuing Year.

The stockholders of the Producers and Consumers Oil Company held their annual meeting yesterday and elected the following directors for the ensuing year: T. G. Hart, L. L. Cory, Frank Barrett, K. W. Brown and I. F. Poston. The directors selected the following officers: Frank Barrett, president; I. F. Poston, vice president; T. G. Hart, treasurer; K. W. Brown secretary. Captain Barrett represented the eastern stockholders at the meeting. They own a large share of the stock in the company.

The company has extensive interests in the West Side oil district and owns several valuable wells. It has met with great success in its ventures and will continue the work of development on energetic lines.

Nick Justy is in San Francisco on business.

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THAT was a highly interesting paper on "Seduction" in Wednesday's *Expositor*.

IF there is to be any interference, providential or otherwise, on behalf of Durrant, there is no time to lose.

THE suspense which Durrant will experience today cannot be any more painful than that which he has been undergoing for some time part.

THE *Expositor* quotes Alfred Henry Lewis against Hanna. This is as ridiculous as quoting the *Expositor* against a Republican county official would be.

UNCLE SAM can make some of the zoological gardeners happy with the reindeers he has been buying to haul unnecessary grub to Dawson City, B. C.

THE *Expositor* charges that Trustee Spinney has been seen by the Southern Pacific Company, but there is an undertone of envy in its voice as it makes the charge.

FRESNO has reached a stage of development that is unfavorable to Triangle politics. We have become civilized and like politics well done. Raw politics won't go.

FOOTBALL breaks a few backs, necks, skulls, legs and things, and what some people think still worse it sometimes breaks the proud parents of the hairy devotees.

THERE are pretty fair prospects for a deadlock in the Ohio senatorial election and another illustration of the necessity for a change in the method of electing United States senators.

THE actuality of an acting void will be demonstrated if that good woman over in Switzerland whose rebellious stomach was removed by her physicians ever has an attack of stomach ache.

MRS. MARY LEASE is going to preach in the People's church at New York on the 23d instant. That effete Eastern audience will think a Kansas zephyr struck it when it gets a whiff of Mary's eloquence.

DICK BLAND has had himself interviewed just to prove that he is still alive. Dick ought be a little more considerate and not take people unawares like that. His voice is like the proverbial voice from the tomb, and if he had not adhered to his old habit of talking through his hat it's hard to tell what the effect would have been.

A SERIOUS MENACE.

The apparent intention of the combination in the Board of City Trustees to make the Volunteer Fire Department a political football may please the ward politicians and political jobbers, but it will be bitterly resented by every taxpayer and property owner of Fresno who places the interests of the city above that of politics.

The thorough efficiency of the fire department at the present time is not questioned. It cannot be disputed. It is and has been capable and faithful in the performance of the very important service it renders the city. To now take the desperate chances involved in repudiating this faithful and capable public servant and assigning its duties to new and in many cases untried hands, for none other than political purposes, would show a disregard for the best interests of the city that is astounding.

It is simply incomprehensible that representatives of the city's interests upon the Board of Trustees can be induced to lend themselves to such a scheme, and yet it seems to be a fact that upon the action of Trustee Spinney alone rests the decision to be made in this matter. Whether Trustee Spinney, like his Democratic confreres, has forgotten the costly lessons of the past, and will permit his personal prejudices to outweigh his sense of obligation to the taxpayers and property owners of Fresno, remains to be seen.

CONDITIONS MORE CHANGED.

Prior to the summer of 1896, the FRESNO REPUBLICAN, along with nearly all the Republican papers of the state, advocated free silver coinage. And in those days there was no international string attached to its advocacy of bimetallism.—*Merced Sun.*

If the *Sun's* memory were not somewhat at fault it would know that the REPUBLICAN declared as its opinion prior to 1896 that the safe, the sure, and the best way to secure bimetallism was through an international agreement. It has always believed that to be the best policy, although, like tens of thousands of the American people, its opinion in this particular has been made stronger by recent events.

That the difficulty and danger of undertaking free coinage of silver "without the aid or consent of other nations" have increased no sane man can doubt, and that this fact should give pause to the most ardent advocates of independent free coinage is certainly true. So true is this that most of the free coinage arguments are now based upon conditions in Mexico, and consequently are not in favor of bimetallism but of the Mexican system of silver monometallism. The REPUBLICAN is and always has been in favor of bimetallism, in any way that it can be certainly and safely secured, but it is not in favor of destroying the gold standard for no other purpose than to set up the silver standard. It may be mistaken, but it does not believe that the interests of this country would be subserved by adopting the Mexican financial system.

So far as Secretary Gage's financial plans are concerned, the REPUBLICAN has already stated that it does not concur in them, and the assertion made by the *Sun* that they are fully indorsed by President McKinley is entirely gratuitous. The fact that the President merely called the attention of congress to Gage's recommendations while making suggestions of his own at variance with them is, indeed, sufficient proof to the contrary.

CONGRESSMAN LOUD evidently thinks there is no need of annoying the railroads over a mere overcharge of $10,000,000 or $15,000,000, when the postal deficit can be made good by depriving the people of low-priced reading matter.—*Chronicle.*

There is some merit in Congressman Loud's postal bill, for undeniably the privileges of low rates upon second-class matter is seriously abused, but the REPUBLICAN hopes to see it killed because it is based upon false premises. Its promoters advocate it upon the ground that it is necessary in order to prevent a deficit in the income from the postal system, which is intended to be self-supporting. While the expense of handling the vast volume of second-class matter undeniably contributes to this deficit, it is not the real cause nor the cause to which congress should give its early attention. The real cause of shortage in the postal revenues is the exorbitant rates paid to the railroad companies for carrying the mails, and until this extravagant expenditure has been cut down to a legitimate figure the REPUBLICAN shall protest against any increase in postal rates. We are very decidedly opposed to increasing postal rates for the benefit of the railroad corporations.

THE REPUBLICAN congratulates the progressive people of Bakersfield upon the decisive victory they achieved yesterday in deciding affirmatively the question of incorporation by a vote of nearly 3 to 1. The decision to incorporate and improve the town is in itself a splendid achievement, but the very large majority in favor of the proposition contributes not a little to the satisfactory result. It announces the fact that public sentiment is decidedly on the right side of the question, and that the important work to be performed by the new municipality will not be hampered by a formidable minority of objectors. The result in this respect may be largely attributed to the united and intelligent support of the proposition by the local press, and to the editorial brethren the REPUBLICAN extends its heartiest congratulations. They have done well and time will vindicate the wisdom of the course pursued by them.

THE *Expositor* combats the opinion of the Reedley *Exponent* that Claus Spreckels built the Valley road as a business proposition, and that as such it is entitled to the support of the people of this valley. The *Expositor* contends that Mr. Spreckels promoted this vital enterprise out of sheer sympathy for the people who were oppressed by the greed of the Southern Pacific monopoly. This was evidently the view of the case taken by the *Expositor* at the time it loaded up its sawed-off shotgun with slugs from its hell box and held up Mr. Spreckels and his competing road at Fresno's city limits. The depth and sincerity of its professed change of heart is feelingly attested in a deluge of sappy words and its continued refusal to pay its subscription to the right-of-way fund.

AN inspired idiot, commenting in the *Expositor* on the indigent question, says: "Unfortunately, in this matter, the board is moved by sentiment, rather than business." The truth is that sentiment cannot be eliminated from this matter and that it cannot be dealt with on a purely business basis. In dealing with the unfortunate we are inspired by sentiment—that is, pity and a desire to aid them, and even when they are required to give something in return for what they receive sentiment has played a part in the transaction. This is recommended to the *Expositor's* consideration, if it is still in a condition to consider anything.

THERE is a good deal of gush in General Rosecrans' plea for Captain Dreyfus, but precious little sense. Others have made out a better case for the Captain. The General lays a good deal of stress upon the fact that when Dreyfus was subjected to public disgrace he nevertheless cried "*Vive la France!*" and thinks that this gallant and patriotic conduct must appeal to every loyal soldier. There are no doubt grounds for reopening the Dreyfus case, but the good General Rosecrans has not yet discovered them. A man may smile and be a villain, and a Frenchman may cry "*Vive la France*" and yet have tried to sell his country to the enemy.

THE public can view with some complacency political eruptions in the police force and other changes in municipal service, but when it comes to the fire department the demand of the property owning and taxpaying class, regardless of politics, is that efficiency shall be the test, and the only test. The politicians are playing with fire in more than one sense when they attempt to make the fire department the victim of the shuttle-cock processes that prevail in politics.

THE *Register* thinks that if local enterprise does not soon take shape it will be the proper thing to secure an extension of the Fresno electric system to Tulare. Now that it has been made possible to transmit the electric current long distances without great loss, the proposition to supply large areas of territory with one great plant instead of many small ones will doubtless be adopted. The difference in cost is decidedly in favor of the large plant.

PROFESSOR LOMBROSO, the noted criminologist, says that the main causes of the increase in the number of homicides in this country are climate and immigration. We cannot very well control the climate, but we can restrict immigration, and no time should be lost in doing so. Only the transportation companies are benefited by immigration, and they are naturally opposed to its restriction, but it is to be hoped that congress will not be influenced by their selfish representations.

JUDGING from the speeches made by members of the Populist county central committee at the meeting of that body yesterday, the People's Party will not be the tail to the Democratic kite in Fresno county next fall. This will not please some of the Democrats, but the Populists ought to enjoy the feeling of self-respect that independence invariably engenders.

A YOUNG New York hercules who could carry a piano upstairs, who had jumped from a five-story house without being hurt in the least and had done other remarkable things, tried to knock out four ounces of carbolic acid the other day. He is now enjoying the sleep that knows no waking. Carbolic acid is champion in its class.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY, the author and Populist leader, who is 66 years of age, is to marry his typewriter, a young woman of twenty. There is no use talking, these Populist brethren have the courage of their convictions. They are ready to try any of those Utopian schemes.

THE federal authorities are fighting the coal trust in San Francisco. This by the administration, you understand, that is charged with being the friend and protector of the trusts. Did anybody ever hear of any attempt to suppress trusts under the last Democratic administration?

IN the foresight of the big San Joaquin county farmers whose wheat was destroyed in the Stockton fire had been as good as their hindsight they would not have practiced the poor economy of leaving their grain uninsured in the Stockton warehouses. Insurance comes high, but the ordinary farmer or business man cannot afford to do without it.

PENSION COMMISSIONER EVANS deserves commendation for his effort to destroy the occupation of dishonest pension attorneys and to eliminate from the pension roll and its management anything that reflects upon its integrity. The pension roll is a roll of honor, and as such will be guarded and sustained by every patriotic citizen. There is no better or surer way of doing this than by safeguarding it against the designs of the undeserving.

THE frost king has again wrought havoc in Florida, not only destroying growing crops, but, it is believed, also killing the young orange orchards which were planted since the disastrous freeze of a few years ago. The blow is a severe one for the fruit growers of that state, and their hard fortune will be universally regretted. The mitigating circumstance is the fact that fruit production there is largely carried on by men of wealth, upon whom the loss will fall less heavily than it would upon producers of small means.

IS DIFFERENT NOW.

The *Expositor* admits that the extravagance of the indigent list is as great as it was before it began its tirade of abuse of the Board of Supervisors, which at that time was Republican. In the meantime the board has become Democratic, and the *Expositor* looks at the matter in an entirely different light.

It thinks that the people who sign petitions for indigents are responsible for the evil, and that the board cannot accomplish what that paper said a few weeks ago was merely a matter of common honesty and ordinary business sense. In brief, that which amounted to a crime on the part of a Republican majority of the board is merely a hopeless undertaking on the part of a Democratic majority.

And there you have the *Expositor*—life size, with all the dips, spurs and angles of a merely partisan sheet. In one breath it denounces Republicans as conscienceless plunderers of the public treasury and in the next condones the same offense on the part of Democrats. It apparently acts on the belief that a public without memory and newspaper without honesty is a combination that can be worked successfully. The mistake it makes is in believing that the public is without a memory. It happens to have that faculty fairly well developed.

ENOUGH NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The REPUBLICAN does not agree with State Superintendent Black that California needs more normal schools. To the contrary it doubts very much whether the creation of a fourth normal school at San Diego was justified. Every state needs a sufficient number of normal schools—or schools of sufficient capacity—to turn out the number of trained teachers which it requires. It does not need more than this, and when it goes beyond that requirement it not only creates an unnecessary burden of expense, but it also creates a surplus of teachers. Neither result is desirable and the former is plainly objectionable.

That California has at the present time a sufficient number of capable teachers we believe there is no question, and this being true the demand for more normal schools appears to be without any substantial foundation. It is entirely possible that a higher standard of work on the part of existing schools may be desirable, though there has been no general complaint on that score; but if such is the case it affords no argument in favor of increasing the number of schools.

THE REPUBLICAN is very decidedly of the opinion that California has no need of more normal schools at present, nor is it likely to need more for some time to come.

IT is claimed by the New England cotton mill owners who have recently reduced wages, and the claim seems to have foundation, that the reductions are not made necessary by foreign competition, from which the duty affords a fair amount of protection, but by the competition of the mills of the southern states. The cotton manufacturing industry in the South has been growing steadily and has reached proportions which make it a formidable factor in the market. It not only has the advantage of an inexhaustible supply of raw material at hand, but it is claimed that wages there average over 30 per cent less than in the New England factories. These being facts, the inability of the New England factories to maintain the higher wages it made plain. It would be better, though, if it were possible for the southern factories to raise wages, if they can do so and still compete with the foreign mills, and thus make it possible for the northern mills to maintain their rates.

IT is not only in America where towns spring up over night, like mushrooms, as the saying goes. Our "slow" British cousins are not far behind us in this kind of enterprise. Four years ago the site of the town of Buluwayo in South Africa was in the heart of a savage district, hundreds of miles from civilization. To go there was at the risk of losing one's life at the hands of savages. Now there is a town there having a population of about 3500 connected by telegraph and railroad with the rest of the world. Just before the opening of the railroad butter cost $3.10 a pound, fowls $6.25 a pair and eggs $12 a dozen at Bulawayo, but since prices have taken a great tumble and are expected soon to be as reasonable as at Johannesburg.

THERE is a warm time in the old town of Columbus, Ohio, about this time.

PEOPLE who spend twelve months getting themselves in good shape for the annual swear-off are doing business at the old stand.

SENATOR TELLER has created a mild surprise by coming out strongly in favor of Hawaiian annexation. The Colorado statesman has so far fallen into the habit of combatting everything proposed by the administration that it was not supposed that he could do anything else.

THE indigent list is not decreasing. This is proof of one of two things—either that no honest attempt is now being made to economize in this matter or that the scurrilous abuse heaped upon the Board of Supervisors a few months ago by the *Expositor* was undeserved. One statement or the other is necessarily true.

THE coal trust, which is being prosecuted in the federal courts in San Francisco, is trying to take refuge behind the claim that its interference with trade is limited to the state and consequently does not come under federal jurisdiction. If it succeeds in making this contention stick the next state legislature will have a special invitation to take up the question and give the trust a taste of the law under the jurisdiction it is attempting to establish.

TO THE Alameda *Argus* it looks very much as though China will be cut up and passed around like pie. But will it be pie to the nations which get it? England has not found India altogether a pudding, and there is evidence of flies in some of the pastry of that character which the powerful nations of the old world are endeavoring to assimilate. Even Spain does not find Cuba as sweet a thing as its sugar could make it. The nations that are ambitious to own and control a large part of the earth sometimes take very unprofitable contracts.

THE boy who has a yearning to go to sea and whose parents do not object has now an excellent opportunity to satisfy his longing. The United States ship Mohican, now at Mare Island navy yard, will soon go in commission for a cruise around the world with a crew of naval apprentices. Boys wishing to make the cruise must be between the ages of fourteen and seventeen, must be able to read and write and will be required to undergo a physical examination. It would be a good thing for the country if a greater love of the sea were inculcated in our youth. There should be more school ships and more inducements should be offered to American boys to embrace a naval career.

THE AMERICAN LABORER.

Edward Harford, the British labor agitator, advises the American trades unions to engage in politics as a body. In not doing so, he says, they show their stupidity. We are of the opinion that the workingmen of no other country feel such a keen interest in politics as those of the United States, but they are not all made after one pattern, do a good deal of independent thinking and, therefore, are not easily marshaled under one banner. We have Republican workingmen, Democratic workingmen and Populist workingmen, but to induce them to cast aside party fealty in order to inaugurate a fight of class against class is something that appears impossible of accomplishment. If all the laborers of the country would unite to bring about certain reforms which they are agreed upon they would probably meet with success, but these disposed of other reforms would be suggested and then would come the split.

The fact is that the laborers are getting along fairly well under the present division of parties. It may take them a little longer to get what they want, but they will obtain it some time—if it is something they should have—and that without class being arrayed against class. While there is a good deal of buncombe uttered about the "sons of toil" during political campaigns, each party feels a deep interest in their welfare—and how could it be otherwise when the toilers comprise the bulk of all parties? Political platforms may abound in bombast and buncombe, but the essence of them is sincere. No party wishes to do otherwise than to advance the general interests of the country, though there is considerable difference of opinion among the political organizations as to the methods to be pursued to accomplish this.

As for the welfare of the laboring man, we believe that the most searching investigation would show that in the general legislation of the country his interests have received at least as much consideration as those of any other class. In truth where legislation refers to the workingman it always is of a protective character, while that referring to the wealthy is generally repressive. If by mistaken legislation the latter acquire some special privilege they have to fight to keep it, and probably nine times out of ten they finally lose it or are hedged about with such restrictions as to render it valueless. On the whole, therefore, the laboring men of this country have no large ground for claiming that they are discriminated against. Their condition compares more than favorably with that of the foreign workingmen and is continually improving. There are beyond doubt desirable reforms yet to be carried out, but this may be accomplished without arraying the laborers against the remainder of the people.

THE *Union Democrat* of Sonora pays the following deserved tribute to Senator Perkins: "The wide popularity of Senator Perkins was shown in his triumphant re-election recently to the senate. There was no man in his party in California who had the ghost of a chance to beat him in the recent senatorial election. His election was a tribute to a talented, honorable man, who possesses the courage to do what he believes to be right in the discharge of his official duties. He is liberal in his views on political matters, and no man can meet him without liking him, unless it be Congressman Loud. It is safe to say that with the long term before him in the senate, President McKinley will make no important nomination to any federal position in this state without first consulting the wishes of Senator Perkins. The best thing that Loud can do is to make arrangements to catch the crumbs that fall from the official table."

THE REPUBLICAN will give all the attention that may be desired to a comparison of the existing Democratic salary list and the legislative measures reducing the list in due season. The *Expositor* need not worry about that part of it. There is plenty of time between now and the next election and this paper will see to it that the voters get all the facts in relation to that matter. In the meantime the *Expositor* might vary the monotony of its misleading statements by an examination of the monthly bills that are being rendered to the Board of Supervisors by the economist to whom it is indebted for such information as it has.

TULARE'S Fourth of July committee is still "wrestling" with a serious problem. After the last celebration it had a surplus of cash left on its hands amounting to about $50, and has not yet discovered any way of getting rid of the burdensome coin. The REPUBLICAN would respectfully suggest that the committee has only to bear its burden yet a little while longer and the problem will solve itself. There will be another Fourth to celebrate in the course of a few brief months.

RANDOM REMARKS.

Progress is contempt for the methods of a past day, year or age.

There are three things a man should never lend—his books, his money and his wife.

It's all very well to tell a man to assume a virtue if he have none, but where there are so many it's hard for a fellow to make a choice.

A Brooklyn preacher has resigned a $6000 job in a fashionable church to preach to the poor miners in his former home in Pennsylvania. He would be a drawing card in a dime museum.

The Stockton *Mail* heads an article telling of the receipt in Fresno of four pairs of Mongolian pheasants "Pheasants Phor Phresno." It is hard to tell whether the *Mail* man is too phresh or too phunny.

How ex-Janitor Ross must wish that Supervisor Manly had the stiff spine of one of those famous razor-backs that thrive in the acorn representative's district. It was really unthoughtful in the Populists to put such a nice old gentleman as Mr. Manly in a place where backbone is so important a requisite.

The French are now claiming Clipperton island, and our state department doesn't seem to know whether or not the United States has any claim to that guano heap. As quite an amount of fertilizer is involved in the question, why not refer it to the agricultural department.

The United States supreme court has refused to interfere in the case of Salter D. Worden. This is good news, for if there was ever a man who deserved hanging more than Worden there is no record of him. From the standpoint of a person who considers Durrant a moral pervert Worden's crime is more terrible than the San Franciscan's.

Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales were asked the other day to contribute to a fund for the benefit of the miserable "sandwich men" of London. The Prince sent a check for £10, while the Queen sent her sympathy. It will not be necessary to put the latter on ice; it is cold enough to keep without that.

Some society ladies at Charleston, S. C., objected to the presence in a ball room of a well known actress, with the result that the latter was asked to withdraw. The actress is a handsome, amiable and virtuous woman, and more than ordinary attention was paid her by the men, and this last was undoubtedly what caused the trouble.

Sadie Martinot, known to all theatergoers, says she no longer believes in love. All the same Sadie will go right on loving. She can't do without love any more than could Goethe, and her fierce attacks upon those monsters, men, whom she denounces as insincere, unselfish and untrustworthy in their relations with women, will merely provoke an indulgent smile.

So Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs (Miss Fair that was) have not been included in the revised list of Gotham's fashionables. Perhaps the fact that Mrs. O. came from a jay town had something to do with the infliction of this severe blow. Let us all hope that the dear lady will be able to endure it with fortitude. Now is the time to subscribe, Mrs. O.

The people who waste a good deal of valuable time wondering what kind of reception Christ would receive if he came to earth again are referred to the case of Jacob Clements, a farmer of New York state. Mr. Clements appeared at the White House last Wednesday and asked to see the President, saying he had been sent by Christ. He was promptly clapped into prison.

San Francisco has its Judge Bridegoose. He is known there as Judge Campbell and decides cases by flipping up a coin. This method is a little different from that of the original Bridegoose, who decided cases by the chance of dice, but no doubt has the same bitter-miss results. The only other place outside of fiction in which such characters are endurable is in jail.

An exchange gives a list of fatal accidents that happened during 1897 in the other various lines of sport. The table is as follows: Swimming 1360, boating 896, hunting 654, bicycling 264, horseback riding 333, ice-boating 23, football 11, baseball 6, tennis 4, golf 2. Nothing is said of the accidents that occur while "papa is trying to amuse the baby," but maybe our statistical friend does not consider this sport.

The applicants for primary grade certificates were asked by the Board of Education the other day to give rules for punctuation. One of the would-be teachers answered: "There should be a general sprinkling of commas, colons, semi-colons, dashes and periods." The feelings of the members of the board upon reading this comprehensive answer might probably have been best expressed by dashes. At all events they have put a period to the applicant's ambition.

An exchange mildly expresses the opinion that there ought to be a limit to the period of courtship, and declares that men put off popping the question too long. There should indeed be a limit to the courtship period. The man who wants to find out all about his sweetheart before he marries her would very likely ask St. Peter all about heaven before entering. A month's courtship is plenty; marriage should have some surprises—and, for that matter, it not infrequently does have a few.

Mrs. William Lay of Washington has married Count Von Goetzen, military attache of the German embassy at the national capital. Mrs. Lay is on the wrong lay, and she will soon find it out. Germans don't believe in getting up in the morning and making the fire, and if Mrs. Lay expects the Count to do this she is doomed to the deepest disappointment. Woman has not yet emancipated herself in the Fatherland, and it is an ordinary sight to the see the servant girl trotting behind Herr Leutenant and carrying his valise to the train. The same girl has probably cleaned the lieutenant's shoes that very morning, and in riding through the country his eyes will frequently fall upon women who are doing men's work in the field.

I have been religiously reading, as they appeared, the questions the applicants for teachers' certificates must answer, and came to the conclusion "early in the game" that I was an irridescent ignoramus. Since then, however, I have discovered among the questions, problems, etc., one that I can "wrestle" with successfully. One of the things the applicants were asked to do was to "write a non-negotiable check," and I'm dead certain that I can do that in a record breaking way. Still, I doubt if that would entitle me to a primary certificate.

A provision of the revenue bill pending in the Illinois legislature requires that dogs be assessed according to their value, as other personal property is assessed, and that no license fee shall be collected from the owners. A better method would be to tax dogs according to the number of their teeth. Toothless dogs should be free from taxation; a man who owns a dog that has two teeth should be taxed $10 a year; the owner of a dog with four teeth $20, etc. The owners of lapdogs should be compelled to pay $500 a year, and the owners of damdogs should be incarcerated.

A dispatch to a San Francisco paper from Fresno says that the women of this city are censuring the school trustees for excluding girls from the manual training class. This is news to me, but if it's true the women who are engaging in that pastime would do well to acquaint themselves with the reason why the girls were excluded. The manual training school is primarily a place for boys. They are still expected to be the bread winners of the family and should be given every opportunity to fit themselves for this delightful occupation. Therefore no boy should be excluded from such an institution in order to make room for a girl. If, after all the boys have been accommodated, there is still room left then give the girls a chance to hammer their thumbs and tear their finger nails. The kind of training school most girls need is one in which they can learn how to cook, mend socks, patch pants, etc. The young women of today know so little of these useful arts and are developing such a disinclination to acquire them that cooking schools for boys are being established as a measure of self-protection. Schools for boys in which sewing on buttons, darning stockings, etc., are taught will, of course, follow. Verily, the future of the race depends more than ever upon the men.

R. M. M.

LIFE IN DAWSON.

Grand Theatrical Production—Autonomy Scorned.

From the Dawson Digger.

GRAND PRODUCTION.—The Dawson Literary, Musical, Debating and Dramatic Company has decided to produce "Uncle Tom's Cabin" some time in January. It will be a novelty in its way. As there is no building in Dawson suitable for the production of the entire piece, a part of it will be held out of doors, and the audience will follow the actors. Uncle Tom will be sold and Little Eva will die indoors, but the dogs will chase Eliza and her child down Icicle avenue and across the ice on the river. The gun fight between George Harris and his pursuers will be held on the first hill back of town. If this scrap or the pursuit happens to be too long the play will not all be produced in one night, but will be continued over.

NO AUTONOMY FOR US.—We understand that there are some people in this community who are opposed to annexation to the United States, but want autonomy. While we cannot say that we favor annexation, we are opposed to autonomy, and for reasons that must appeal to every intelligent person. Autonomy has been offered Cuba by Hayti, and it has been indignantly rejected. Now if autonomy is not good enough for a lot of dirty Cubans it is not good enough for Dawson.

If Dawson is annexed to the United States a territorial government would of course, be provoked by the authorities at Washington, but before we pronounce in favor of it we want to know who will be appointed governor. If President McKinley would name some brilliant newspaper man who is conversant with the needs of Dawson, we would certainly be compelled to withdraw our objections and give our support to the proposition.

Desires an Accounting.

Yesterday, upon petition of G. A. Carlisle, Thomas Jensen was cited to appear in Superior Judge J. R. Webb's court on January 15th to show cause why he should not be removed as executor of the will of William Carlisle. G. A. Carlisle is one of the heirs and alleges that the estate has been mismanaged and desires an accounting from the executor. The petitioner asks to be appointed special administrator of the estate, which is valued at $2000.

Don't Delay Sending in Reports.

An account of a Christmas entertainment on December 25th in the Red Banks district was received at this office yesterday. The REPUBLICAN is always pleased to report news from the country, but items should be sent in as soon as possible after the occurrences. The people of Red Banks had a very enjoyable entertainment, an excellent program being rendered.

Death of Eliza J. Amonett.

Mrs. Eliza J. Amonett, aged 57 years, and a native of North Carolina, died Wednesday night of consumption. Mrs. Amonett lived at 346 Abbey street, and had been afflicted with consumption for some time. The funeral will take place today at 9 o'clock from the family residence, and the remains will be interred in the cemetery at Madera.

MARRIED.

SCOTT—WATTS—In S. Ines, January 5, 1898, at the residence of the bride's mother, Fred C. Scott and Della A. Watts.

BORN.

SERGIUS—In this city, January 3, 1898, to the wife of A. Sergius, a daughter.

DIED.

APPLING—In this city, December 22, 1897, Louie, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Appling, a native of California, aged 10 years, 3 months and 3 days.

William Hanlon, the ball player and football coach, has returned from Los Angeles.

Help

Is needed by poor, tired mothers, debilitated and run down because of poor, thin blood. Help is needed by the nervous sufferer, the men and women tortured with rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, scrofula, catarrh. Help comes quickly when Hood's Sarsaparilla begins to enrich, purify and vitalize the blood and send it in a healing, nourishing, invigorating stream to all the nerves, muscles and organs of the body.

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Cotton Mills Strike.

TILTON, N.H., January 6.—The knitters at Tilton's hosiery mill are on strike against the reduction of 12 per cent in wages.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., January 6.—The special general meeting of the weavers' union tonight unanimously voted to strike.

SACO, ME., January 6.—The 500 men employed in the York cotton mills received notice today of a 10 per cent reduction in wages to take effect January 17th.

GRAFTON, MASS., January 6.—Notice of a 10 per cent cut in wages, to take effect January 17th, was posted at the Fisherville cotton mills today. Five hundred men will be reduced.

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MARK HANNA'S UP-HILL FIGHT

The Opposition is Still Unbroken

But Cannot Elect a Democrat.

The Contest Has Settled Down to a Siege—The Figures Unchanged.

COLUMBUS, O., January 6.—Conservative estimates tonight placed the legislative vote at 75 to 70 against Hanna. The workers of the Senator claim 71 votes and assurances of the necessary two additional votes, and possibly four.

The opposition insists that Hanna will never have 70 votes on joint ballot and that they have gained two votes since the legislature adjourned over till Monday. Before the chairmanships and preferred places and other patronage are disposed of, the opposition say that Hanna's vote will be reduced considerably below 70, which is now at least three short of enough to elect.

The opposition to Hanna consists of the 65 Democratic members and ten Republican members.

Included in the list of those supporting Hanna are representatives Droste and Lane, silver Republican fusionists from Cincinnati, who are counted on for Garrard. The developments today indicated that Garrard would not only be voted for on the ballots for senator, but that he might lead on the first ballot, if the present efforts are successful to make him the free silver Republican candidate.

Garrard is one of the most wealthy men in Cincinnati and he has always been a radical free silver man.

Representative James Joyce of Guernsey, who is included in the seventy votes claimed for Hanna, is considered as doubtful. The Hanna men claim that Jones of Stark, Redky of Highland, Rutan of Carroll and Harrison and Mandel of Montgomery, who are on the list of the opposition, are doubtful. "The combine" workers were aggressive until the past day or two, when they not only had enough votes to defeat Hanna, but had also reached all the doubtful members. The opposition is now on the defensive in keeping its majority in line. The contest has settled down to a siege in which the opposition holds the fort and the Hanna men are charging on the breastworks. With the organization of the legislature, the administration and other uncovered ramparts, the opposition feels well fortified.

It is conceded that the opposition is well organized and drilled and also desperate in this fight. Ever since Kurtz was retired as state chairman by Hanna at the state convention in Toledo last June efforts have been made to retire Hanna, and there will be a fight to a finish on that issue.

The talk about Senator Burke being in the doubtful list has about subsided. He was elated for president pro tem of the senate by the opposition, but as he was not present on Monday to qualify, Senator Thaddeus E. Crumley, Democrat, was elected president pro tem. It transpires that Senator Crumley wrote out his resignation before his election and it is in the hands of Senator Fink, the leader of the Democratic side.

Whenever Senator Burke is ready Senator Fink will present the resignation of Crumley as president pro tem and Burke will get the place.

So far the opposition to Hanna is not only holding its men well in line, but it has executed all the plans provided for previous to the caucuses on last Saturday night. The opposition managers say they are having no trouble to hold their men out against Hanna, but admit their trouble in finding any candidate for whom all the "bolting" Republicans and Democrats will vote.

The "bolting" Republicans are unanimous in declaring they cannot vote for any Democrat under the circumstances for senator. Enough Democratic members to give the managers trouble and anxiety say they do not want to vote for a Republican for senator.

A call was issued tonight by the Republican State Executive committee for a mass convention of Republicans to be held in this city next Monday to protest against the attempt to defeat Senator Hanna.

The call goes on to say:

"During this campaign a few conspirators, pretended Republicans, not giving heed to the lawfully expressed will of a vast majority of their party, sought in every section of the state to defeat the legislative nominees of the Republican party. Overwhelmed and defeated by ballots they have since consorted with your enemies for the purpose of defeating your will solemnly expressed at the ballot box. By these acts they have shown that they do not love the great and beneficent principles of our party and that the wishes of the people are not to be regarded by them. All that is dear to them is personal revenge and spoils.

"Not in anger, but with shame we inform you that your representatives in the assembly have joined in this unholy compact and there is danger that they will disregard your wishes and expressed instructions.

"We therefore call upon you to assemble and consult as to how our state can be saved from this infamy and to petition your representatives by your presence and by your words to faithfully perform the duty which you imposed upon them."

MUST BE CHECKED

The Vine Hoppers Thriving This Winter.

Commissioner S. W. Marshall's Advice Upon Methods of Combatting the Pests.

Horticultural Commissioner S. W. Marshall has visited many vineyards during the past two weeks and his observations have caused him to be alarmed over the prospect of the thripe or vine hoppers being more numerous next summer than during the past season. The vine hoppers do not seem to be affected by the cold weather and may be found in swarms under the dead leaves and weeds in the vineyards. Wherever a hedge or sheltered place is found the pests take refuge and seem to be in fine condition. If the hoppers are not checked it is likely that the vineyards will suffer greatly from the blighting visitation during the summer.

It is well for vineyardists to pay heed to whatever advice the horticultural commissioners give in regard to the matter, or their grape crop may be seriously affected if not entirely destroyed by the inroads of the pests during the coming season.

Speaking in regard to the matter yesterday, Commissioner Marshall said:

"I am alarmed over the danger to our vineyards from thrips during the coming season. The pests seem to thrive during this cold weather and many of the vineyards in the vicinity of Fresno recently visited are full of hoppers. The hoppers are as healthy and lively now as they were during last summer, when so much damage was done, and from present indications they will be as bad, if not worse the coming summer.

"The most expert horticulturists as well as the vineyardists seem at a loss to get rid of the insects. One thing is certain, and that is we must not delay in endeavoring to destroy the hoppers.

"I think a thorough cleaning out of all rubbish and leaves from the vineyards after pruning and then plowing the ground will be beneficial. The insects hide in the rubbish and no place should be left for them to seek cover. Where possible it would be a good plan to flood the vineyards with water.

"In the spring, when the buds start, the vines should be sprayed with a whale oil soap and sulphur solution, while the hoppers are in the larvae state. In this way many hoppers may be destroyed.

"I find the red-headed linnets very destructive to the buds in many apricot orchards the present season. The orchards should be sprayed with a whale oil soap solution, as this will save many buds. The solution should be applied warm, and consists of one pound of whale oil soap and ten gallons of water."

ANOTHER MAN INSANE.

James Fiddes Imagines He Is Accused of Murder.

James Fiddes, a demented Scotchman, was brought to the insane ward yesterday from Central colony, and later in the day Dr. Aiken and Dr. Rowell examined the unfortunate man. They found that his condition was such that he should be committed to an asylum, in order that he might not do serious harm to himself or to others.

Fiddes has been stopping with his brother, William Fiddes, in Central colony, and symptoms of insanity first appeared about three months ago during a severe attack of malarial fever. He began by brooding over the loss of $2000 in an unsuccessful investment in Washington about a year ago, and his condition continually grew worse. He imagined that he was accused of several murders. He maintained that he was innocent, but the thought that he was being charged with so many foul deeds, both in this country, Hawaii, Austria and Scotland, preyed upon his mind severely. At times he would become violent and it was deemed best to have him placed under restraint. He is about thirty-five years of age and a laboring man.

Fruit and Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 6.—The following are prices furnished by the San Francisco Fruit Exchange. Jobbing:

DRIED FRUIT.

New crop in carload—Apricots 5@6c per pound for Royal, 7@8½c for Moorpark; prunes, carloads, 40-50's 4@4½c; 50-60's 3½@3¾c; 60-70's 3@3¼c; 70-80 2¼@2¾c; 80-90's 2@2¼c; 90-100's 1½@1¾c; black figs, in sacks, 2@3c; peaches 5@7½c; peeled 10@12½c nectarines 4@6c; pitted plums 3½@4½c; pears 2@3c for quarters, and 4@6½c for halves; apples 6@6½c for evaporated, and 3½@4½c for sun dried.

Raisins, new crop, carloads—Two-crown 2¼@3c per pound; 3-crown 4c; 4-crown 5c; London layers $1.10@1.15 per box; Seedless Sultanas 5½c; dried grapes 2¼@3c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUIT.

NEW YORK, January 6.—California, dried fruit steady.

Evaporated apples, steady; prime wire, tray, 8½c per pound; wood dried prime, 8¼@8½c; choice, 8¾c; fancy, 9@9½c; common apples, 5@7c.

Prunes — 3c@3c per pound, as to size and quality.

Apricots — Royal, 7c@8½c; Moorparks, 9c@11c.

Peaches — Unpeeled, 7@10c; peeled, 12@20c.

GRAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 6.—Wheat—Easy; May, $1.37.

Barley—Easy; May 82½c.

Corn—Large Yellow, 97½@98½c.

Bran—California, $17.50@18.50 per ton.

A Theater Burned.

SAN FRANCISCO,

ONLY ONE FAILED

In the Grammar Grade Examination.

Eight Teachers Awarded Certificates.

Several More Granted on Credentials by the Board of Education.

The County Board of Education yesterday finished the grading of papers submitted by the applicants at the teachers' examination, which was concluded on Monday. Of the nine candidates for grammar grade certificates only one failed, Mrs. Laura Ray, who was the only one that passed the primary examination was also successful in the grammar grade.

The board adjourned yesterday till Saturday.

The following were the successful applicants who were awarded certificates to teach in the grammar grade:

Mrs. Laura E. Ray of Selma, James G. Wilkinson of Lillie, Miss Sadie Tyler of Easton, Charles F. Pool of Visalia, Maneon F. McCormick of Easton, Joe N. Landrum of Fresno, Miss Mabel Minard of Fresno, Miss Alice M. Brown of Clovis.

High school grade certificates—William H. Baker of Fresno and S. S. Ray of Selma.

The following were granted primary grade certificates on renewals and credentials:

Miss Imogene Anderson of Fresno, Miss Ella Toomey of Huron, Miss Nannie E. Shannon of Fowler, Miss Nettie Scott of Selma, Miss Hattie N. Kitchel of Huron, Miss Grace Spence of Burrough valley.

Grammar grade certificates were renewed and granted on credentials to the following:

Miss Nellie Albee of Fresno, on San Jose normal diploma; Miss Rachel Chumbaud of Santa Rosa, on Sonoma county certificate; Miss Mabel Wallace of Jamison, on Nevada State normal; George Nicholson of Madera, on Madera county certificate; Sara A. Murray of Coalinga, on San Jose normal diploma.

On San Jose State normal diplomas—Mrs. Mary Gee Backer, Miss Dorothy L. Allen and Miss Anna B. Lehman of Fresno; Miss Marion A. Orcutt of Campbell, Carl J. Phillippi of Lemoore, Miss Julia A. Dahlgren of Easton, Miss Maud Jefferson of Selma, Miss Adelle Cook of Riverside.

A. N. Knight of Wheatville, on Oregon life diploma; Miss Laura Elrod of Fresno, on Madera county certificate, and Miss Eva Kerr of Fresno on the same credential.

High school certificates were issued on credentials and renewals was granted as follows:

Morris E. Dailey of Fresno, on Indiana University diploma.

Miss Susannah Cory of Fresno, on Stanford University diploma.

Mrs. Abbie H. Curran of Fresno, on Michigan University diploma.

Phillip B. Smith of Sanger, on University of California diploma.

Miss Jessie Dowell of Easton, on University of California diploma.

E. H. Sierman of Fresno, Stanford University diploma.

Miss Helen Olive Thayer of Selma, University of California diploma.

At the recent session of the State Board of Education the Indiana University was placed on the accredited list of California, and Superintendent M. E. Dailey of this city, who is a graduate of that institution, is thereby entitled to a high school certificate in any county of this state. He has been holding a temporary certificate issued by County Superintendent Kirk, his credential being a certificate issued by the Santa Clara county Board of Education.

Heretofore the Fresno board has not recognized the diplomas of the San Francisco normal school, but yesterday the following resolution was passed unanimously, the example of several other counties in the state being followed:

"*Resolved*, That graduates of the San Francisco normal school, who have had two years' successful experience in teaching subsequent to graduation, and who have a recommendation from the county or city superintendent under whose supervision such experience was had may be granted a grammar grade certificate in Fresno county."

Under this rule Miss Sarah Coleman of this city and Miss Mary J. Barlean of Selma were awarded Fresno county grammar grade certificates yesterday.

A special high school certificate was issued to Walter A. Tenney to teach drawing and manual training in the Fresno high school. His credential was a diploma from the Massachusetts Normal Art school.

WILDFLOWER ITEMS.

Valley Road Builds a Stock Corral at Conejo.

"Rain! Rain! More rain!" is the cry of every farmer. The country is sadly in need of rain. The grain growers need it, the sheep men need it. Some predict a dry year, but it is too early for that. Showers liberally distributed through the next three months will insure good crops. It is the late rains that fail.

Maud Burnett and Nina Huffman are home on a vacation from the San Jose normal school

Mrs. I. H. Elliott has been ill for the last few days.

The Wildflower school reopened last Monday with a new schoolm'am in charge. Miss Week of San Francisco is the new teacher.

Dan Cupid has played great havoc in the serried ranks of the maidens in our neighborhood within the last few weeks. His piercing arrows have made great gaps in the once even front of "Company A." Hardly enough are left to form one squad.

It is rumored that a Bachelor Club is soon to be started.

A Sunday school has been started in the Central school house. It meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Rev. Bradley of the Baptist church at Selma expects to hold service one Sunday in a month.

The Valley road has built a stock corral at Conejo, the depot near Wildflower. A section house is in process of construction. The pronunciation of Conejo is the bete-noir of every stranger who comes here. For his information, "conejo" is a Spanish word, meaning a small burrow rabbit, not unlike our cottontail, and is pronounced similar to Vallejo. It is said that the name was given to the place by one of the railroad officials who, while passing on a tour of inspection in the early days of the road, saw a cotton-tail run into a hole in the ground. Being versed in the Spanish language, the incident suggested the word "conejo" to him as a suitable name for the depot.

OLLA PODRIDA.

Wildflower, January 6, 1898.

Alice Kelly has petitioned the superior court for letters of administration upon the estate of Leary Kelly, deceased. The estate consists of personal and real property valued at $500.

A TAX CASE DECISION.

Taxes Must Be Paid at First Call.

From the San Francisco Examiner.

The supreme court has rendered a decision in a case in which the payment of taxes on personal property is involved, and in which a majority of the court held that "where a taxpayer has no real property or none sufficient to pay the payment of his taxes the assessor is required to collect them at the time of making his assessment, and in case of failure to pay to sell sufficient of the property of the delinquent to make the amount of the tax, with costs. As this collection must be enforced before the meeting of the board of equalization and before the rate for the ensuing year is ascertained and the levy made, it is provided that it shall be made according to the rate levied the previous year, and as this may be, and generally is, greater or less than the subsequent levy for the current year, provision is made for refunding to the taxpayer any excess in the collection, and for the payment by him of any deficiency."

The case was that of C. B. Rhode and others who objected to the assessor threatening to seize their personal property and sell it, and they commenced action in mandate against John D. Siebe, the assessor, to enjoin him from enforcing them to pay the tax before the time of payment of realty taxes. The superior court decided against the plaintiff, and the supreme court has affirmed that judgment.

Chief Justice Beatty presented the prevailing opinion, which was concurred in by Justices Henshaw, Temple, Garoutte and McFarland, but Justice Van Fleet and Justice Harrison both wrote dissenting opinions.

Justice Van Fleet holds that the law works against the poor, in that there may be times when the poor man cannot raise the amount of the assessment upon demand. Justice Harrison holds that the law is manifestly unjust for the reason that the taxpayer may be deprived of the use of a portion of his money for six months and no return by way of interest given.

COURT YOSEMITE.

The Foresters Moved Into Their New Quarters Last Night.

Court Yosemite, No. 72, Foresters of America, formally moved into its new meeting hall in the Donahoo building on Fulton street last night, and the occasion was appropriately observed. Hugo K. Asher of San Francisco, the grand junior woodward, was in attendance. Court Herman, the German branch of the order in this city, was invited to attend the dedication celebration and many of its members were present.

The early part of the evening was devoted to business, and festivities followed. A fine supper was spread in the banquet hall and here several hours were very pleasantly spent. Numerous happy speeches were made. The order is in a flourishing condition, and Court Yosemite is one of the strongest branches in the state.

A NEW LOCATION

Bought for the St. Augustine Academy.

It is the Williams Property, Corner of R and Mariposa Streets.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross, who conduct the St. Augustine Academy in this city, have purchased the W. M. Williams residence property at the corner of R and Mariposa streets, with two adjoining lots, for the purpose of establishing the Catholic school there. The deal was consummated yesterday, John Reichman being the agent who had the negotiations in charge.

The Williams property consists of four lots and a residence of fifteen rooms. Mr. Williams took in trade the seven lots on N street, next to the flour mill, they having been purchased last summer, when the old high school building was moved there. But a fire destroyed the buildings on this site, the loss being a heavy one to the Academy.

The two lots adjoining the Williams residence front on R street, and they were bought from Miss Josie B. Jones, a school teacher in Yolo county. The six lots comprise a tract 150 feet square. Particularly described the lots are numbered 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 in block 164.

It is the purpose of the Catholics to use the Williams residence as the dormitory, and a school building will be erected on the two lots purchased from Miss Jones. It is understood that work will be commenced on the new structure in the near future.

The present quarters of the academy, adjoining the Catholic church, are too small for the school, which has had a very successful growth since its institution in the city. It is hoped to have the new quarters ready for occupancy by the beginning of the term next fall.

The new location is a fine one for the school. It is high and dry, and in one of the best residence districts of the city.

LAST NIGHT'S RAIN

Will Make the Farmers Happy and Start Grain to Growing.

A gentle downpour of rain commenced at 6 o'clock last evening and continued during the night. The rain did not come down continuously or in a heavy downpour, but the ground was pretty well wet by 12 o'clock last night. The water soaked into the ground almost as fast as it fell and will be very beneficial to growing crops.

The rain came just in time to give the young blades of wheat and barley a good start and cause the roots to spread and multiply so that future rains will do the most good. In many sections the grain is up and looking fine and the farmers will be delighted by the timely rain.

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It's purer, cleaner, leavens more—
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FUSION OPPOSED

Meeting of Fresno Populists.

Committeemen Place Themselves on Record.

Supervisor Manly's Subserviency to the Democrats Animadverted Upon.

The Populist county central committee and a number of the active members of the party met in Kutner hall yesterday. About forty persons were present and nearly every district in the county was represented. The meeting began at 10 o'clock and continued until 3 p. m., but during the whole time no speaker favored fusion. Many expressions were heard opposing any further action with the Democrats in the county, state or nation.

The temper of those present was demonstrated when one committeeman remarked, while the question of selecting a secretary was under consideration, that no one who favored fusion should be allowed to fill a responsible position as an officer of the county central committee.

John S. Dore called the meeting to order and announced that the positions of chairman and secretary of the committee were vacant owing to the resignations of Chairman D. T. Fowler and Secretary M. McWhorter.

H. L. Paine was thereupon elected chairman and L. Hughson secretary.

C. C. Lyons objected to Hughson, saying he was a fusionist, but Dr. G. L. Long and F. Knobloch assured the committeemen that he was a thorough Populist and opposed to any further fusion with the Democrats. "Some of us favored fusion in the city election last spring, but we don't want to combine with the Democrats any more. We have had enough experience in that direction," said Mr. Knobloch.

Committeeman Edmunds took advantage of the discussion to declare that he was opposed to fusion. He said: "I was forced to vote for fusion last election, but won't do it any more. I am a Populist and want to vote for the principles of the Omaha platform and not for fusionists."

John S. Dore, a national committeeman, said that mistakes had been made in the past. The party had fused with the Democrats during the last presidential election and it was feared that the reform forces had been scattered to the four winds, but that he thought the Populists would get together again and be stronger than ever.

"We have made mistakes," continued Mr. Dore, "but let us not be content to let the reform movement languish. Instead of saying to our neighbors that the People's Party is dead, let us reaffirm our allegiance to the Omaha platform and make a fight for principles."

Mr. Dore stated that the first ray of light, since the fusion with the Democrats in national politics cast the People's Party in eclipse, was at present visible. He believed that the party would be reorganized and that once more it would assume power and prestige as a national party. A communication outlining a plan of reorganization had been received by him from the national committee. The national reorganizing committee appointed by the Reform Press Association to meet in St. Louis on January 12th and take steps towards placing the party in the middle of the road will consent, it is believed, to meet with the national committee and formulate plans for independent action. In this case the meeting on the 12th will adjourn, and at an early date the two organizations will unite to organize for a continuation of the fight for reform as a national party.

L. A. Rose brought up the matter of taking immediate steps toward securing signatures of three per cent of the voters of Fresno county to a petition asking that the People's Party be placed on the ticket next fall. It was not considered necessary, but the safest plan to pursue.

A committee composed of Dr. G. L. Long, E. S. Van Meter and L. A. Rose was appointed to circulate the petitions and present the same to the supervisors. This committee was also instructed to secure the books and papers belonging to the committee, now in the possession of the ex-secretary, Milton McWhorter.

G. S. Brower, formerly editor of a Populist paper, took advantage of the occasion to voice his sentiments in regard to Supervisor Manly's course in standing in with the Democratic supervisors and turning Populists out of county positions. He said it was generally understood that Manly was tied up with the Democrats and they were using him as a tool.

"I would like to see him go in with the Republican supervisors and turn every Democrat out of office if Governor Budd's Democratic supervisor insists on turning Populists out of county positions," said the speaker, and then Mr. Dore tried to act as peacemaker.

Mr. Dore said that prudent action was necessary to build up a party. "Spoils of office have ruined the Democratic and Republican parties," he argued, "and too much attention should not be paid to office seeking. I have not criticised Mr. Manly as reported, and do not think it a good plan to censure him on the street. It will be better to go to him privately and argue the matter."

Mr. Dore continued to illustrate the evils of paying too much attention to practical politics, and referred to Trustee Spinney as an example.

Brower retorted that Dore also had the reputation of being a politician, skilled in all the arts and subtleties of the profession, and said: "Spinney shows good sense on many questions and knows how to take care of himself. Manly should draw out of the combination or make the two Democratic supervisors respect his wishes. He should advance the cause of Populism, and by keeping Populists in office instead of turning them out."

C. C. Lyons jumped up and remarked: "The Populists of Fresno county once had an old granny for supervisor and it looks as if we had another one."

There were no resolutions and no decisive action was taken during the session. The speeches were very quiet in tone compared with efforts of former years.

The editor of the *Keystone*, published at Maltermoro, was present and asked that the central committee recognize his paper, as it was the only Populist paper in the county. No action was taken, as during the consideration of Supervisor Manly's course the matter was forgotten.

House Burglarized.

The residence of Mrs. L. Wahl, near the county hospital, was burglarized Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Wahl was in Fresno during the afternoon and returned home about 5 o'clock. She soon discovered that the house had been entered, as drawers had been opened and the beds disarranged by the burglar while in search of valuables. Two gold rings were stolen, also an iron box containing insurance papers and receipts of no value to anyone excepting the owner. The box was 9x10 inches and quite heavy and it is presumed that the thief thought he had made a rich strike when he found it. The house was entered by a window that was forced open.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Organized as a Fire Department.

Backed by Trustees Chittenden and McVey.

Spinney Wants Time to Consider and Gets an Adjournment.

The trustees met in the city hall last evening with a full board present. Trustees Craycroft and Austin were the first to arrive and a few minutes before 7 o'clock McVey and Chittenden put in an appearance.

Trustee Spinney was not on hand at 7 o'clock and it was suspected that he would repeat his tactics of Monday evening and remain away. But the trustee from the Fifth ward delights in doing the unexpected and a few minutes after 7 o'clock he appeared. He was attired in a clean collar and a new necktie, and his Sunday-go-to-meeting suit. During the session of the trustees he was unusually quiet and did not favor the few spectators in the court room with his customary gleeful chuckling and broad smiles while speaking upon subjects under consideration. Three big policemen were in the room to observe the proceedings.

As the meeting was a continuation of Monday evening's meeting the minutes were not read.

Clerk J. W. Shanklin read the communication from the fire department stating that on December 30, 1897, the following officers had been elected, and requesting the board to confirm their election, viz.: T. G. Hart, chief; W. K. Cowan, first assistant chief; L. F. Winchell, second assistant chief; Herman Swartz, secretary, and E. R. Higgins, treasurer.

Trustee Austin moved that the election of Hart be confirmed. There was no second to the motion.

Spinney seemed to want to delay action and took various methods to kill time. He inquired in regard to the report of retiring Chief James B. McDonald, and wanted that officer to make a complete list of all property that was in his hands. Then after quizzing City Attorney Smith in regard to the law on several subjects the trustee asked Judge M. K. Harris his opinion in regard to the constitutionality of the law giving the fire department the privilege of electing their chief. Judge Harris said he did not care to pass upon the constitutionality of the law, not having given the subject sufficient thought.

Spinney expressed the opinion that the law was very peculiar and would not hold water, quite oblivious of the fact that there are receptacles for that purpose and that laws are put to different uses.

Trustee Chittenden then introduced the following petition and resolution:

"The undersigned petitioners respectfully show: That they constitute and have organized themselves into a volunteer company of firemen of and in the city of Fresno, organized into engine and hose, hook and ladder companies as follows, to-wit:

"Engine and Hose Company No. 1—Foreman, W. W. Brooks; first assistant, W. S. McSwain; second, C. P. McClanahan; secretary, John Walters; C. J. Overshiner, T. S. Hunter, Scott Smith, Dick Zeigler, George Anderson, T. Anderson, George F. Bickle, W. Dunn, J. Smith, Charles Chambers, W. S. Townsend, B. Horn, W. O'Donnell, T. Rose, W. A. McKenzie.

"Engine and Hose Company No. 2—Foreman, G. H. Walter; first assistant, J. H. Tynan; second assistant, J. L. Stayton; secretary, J. Nute; E. Higgins, Bart Alford, J. D. Morgan, G. P. Cummings, W. O. Marshall, James Moses, C. W. Lansbraugh, Tim Walton, Dan Dismukes, J. D. McCarty, Thomas Lynch, S. E. Johnson, J. R. Harbinson and J. Dumas.

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 1—Foreman, J. H. Morrison; secretary, J. H. Gordon; first assistant, George Duncan, J. A. Anderson, J. Dolan, J. D Jones, Jess Bennett, J. Kennedy, C. Ryan, J. A. Klee, H. B. Jones, M. Rogers, C. Farley, Sam Gunter.

"The names of the officers of said companies are as follows: Chief, Tim Walton; first assistant, J. D. Morgan; second assistant, J. D. Jones; treasurer, George Duncan; secretary, C. J. Overshiner.

"That your petitioners as such company and organization desire and hereby petition your honorable board that you make an order or *resolution admitting* your petitioners into the fire department of said city and that they become a part of the fire department of said city.

"Dated, Fresno, January 3, 1898."

The following was the resolution presented by Trustee Chittenden endorsing the above organization:

"WHEREAS, certain fire companies were organized in the city of Fresno as follows: Engine and Hose Company No. 1, organized October 12, 1897; Engine and Hose Company No. 2, organized October 12, 1897; Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, organized October 12, 1897, and

"WHEREAS, said companies did therefore file with the recorder of the county of Fresno certificates in writing, in due form, as required by law, setting forth the dates of said organization, and all other facts required, and

"WHEREAS, a petition of certain citizens of the city of Fresno is now on file with the clerk of the board, requesting that said fire companies be admitted into the fire department of the city of Fresno, now therefore be it

"*Resolved*, that said petition be granted, and be it further

"*Resolved*, That the resolutions of this board heretofore adopted be, and the same are hereby repealed, in so far as they conflict herewith."

Clerk Shanklin called attention to the indication from the similarity of the writing that the names on the petition were all signed by one man. This seemed to confuse Chittenden and McVey, and it was suggested that a mistake had been made, and a copy instead of the original petition had been presented to the board.

Mayor Craycroft vacated the chair and held an earnest conversation with Spinney. Spinney said that there was no need of being too fast about such matters, and made a motion that the board adjourn until Saturday evening. The motion was seconded by Chittenden, and the board adjourned, leaving the selection of chief of the fire department in a worse tangle than ever.

The new organization is in fact a Democratic club. If placed in power it will be used as a political machine, and the people of Fresno will have to go through another era of dirty politics. This is the first important move that the Democratic manipulators have made towards carrying the county next fall, but it will avail them nothing, for if they succeed in breaking up the regular fire department they will alienate a large number of the most substantial Democrats of the city.

HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB.

Meeting of the Executive Committee Last Evening.

The executive committee of the Hundred Thousand Club met in the city hall last evening with the following members present: Messrs. Gloss, Bernhard, Albin, Hobbs, Smith, Webster and Shanklin.

Taylor Albin of the lecture committee reported that the committee had not yet completed arrangements for future lectures.

Dr. S. L. Chapman appeared before the club and asked that the organization take the lead in promoting an old-fashioned county fair in Fresno next fall.

The president of the club was authorized to select a committee and attend a meeting called for Saturday at 2 p.m., when the fair project will be discussed. The meeting will be held in the city hall and the general public is invited to attend.

BITTERLY CONTESTED.

The Ash Divorce Trial is Still in Progress.

The trial of David Ash's divorce suit against Adele Ash was not finished yesterday, and will be continued today.

The defendant is putting in her testimony and she denies the allegations of infidelity on which the plaintiff bases his action. Lee Sherwood and James W. Sherwood swore that Ash had offered them $1000 to lead Mrs. Ash astray so that he could get a separation from her. Character witnesses testified as to the bad reputation of the plaintiff for morality.

The testimony adduced by witnesses for the plaintiff and for the defendant was decidedly contradictory. Ash's witnesses testified positively in support of his accusations against her. The case is being fought bitterly. Ash is represented by Everts & Ewing and M. K. Harris. Van Meter & Rhodes are the defendant's attorneys.

Held to Answer.

The preliminary examination of Taylor and Brown, who were arrested some time ago by Constable Irvine for cattle stealing, was held before Justice Redfield at Sanger yesterday. The defendants were held to answer and bail was fixed at $1000 each. Taylor has been seriously ill for several weeks, and this was the reason for the delay in holding the examination.

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SHOES. SHOES. SHOES
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From the San Francisco Call.

In accordance with a custom that they have observed for many years, Jefferson G. James and Public Administrator A. Freese jointly celebrated their birthday anniversary last evening at the home of Mr. James, 2135 Howard street.

Alternately Captain Freese and Mr. James have presided at this delightful celebration, and in the course of natural events Mr. James was the host last evening.

Mr. James chose to celebrate Captain Freese's three-score years and three and and his own three-score and seven years by giving an elaborate dinner at his elegant Mission home.

Twenty-four guests were seated at a long table that was dazzlingly beautiful with a decoration at once novel and original. In the center of the table was a huge ship, five feet long, fashioned of American Beauty roses, and at either end of the board were immense sea shells filled with the same glowing blossoms.

The menu was fastened with the tricolor to tiny shells and the ices were served in molds representing a tiny ship, from the mast of which waved a tiny American flag.

Seated at table were: Captain and Mrs. A. C. Freese, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baggett, Consul and Mrs. Simpson, Major and Mrs. Cluff, Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron, Mrs. Crooks of Tennessee, M. A. Dorn, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cluin and Mr. and Mrs. James.

CAMERON-DOUGLASS.

Wedding at Centerville on New Year's Day.

At high noon on New Year's day Richard Cameron and Miss Annie Douglass were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents at Centerville. Rev. R. P. Williams officiated.

Dr. Ward and wife of Sanger, William Wakefield, wife and two daughters, Della and Stella, of Fresno, and Miss Lizzie Weldon of Centerville were present, together with the parents, brothers and sisters of the bride, to witness the ceremony. It was followed by an excellent dinner.

Mr. Cameron is one of Sanger's most enterprising stock raisers, while the bride is one of the acknowledged belles of the orange belt. After a bridal trip to San Francisco the happy couple will make their home in Sanger.

Maltermoro postoffice, in this county, has been made a money order office. It is a fourth-class postoffice.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Will Discuss Pruning and Vine Pests at Temperance Colony.

The farmers' institute that is to be held at Temperance colony on the 13th instant will be addressed by Professor Bioletti of the State University. Vine pruning and kindred subjects will be considered and there will be a complete discussion of vine diseases and pests. The papers will be almost entirely confined to these subjects.

A number of copies of the bulletin on pruning issued by the state agricultural experiment station at Berkeley will be received this week by the Farmers' Club. The bulletin will be distributed to parties desiring to inform themselves on this subject.

There will be an institute in Kingsburg on February 31 and in Sanger on February 19th.

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ORANGE GROWING

San Joaquin Citrus Belt Excels.

Views of William Ramsey, a Grower.

Lindsay Orchards Irrigated by Pumps—Fifteen Hundred Acres Planted.

From Saturday's Daily.

William Ramsay, the orange grower and capitalist of Lindsay, is in Fresno visiting his brother, Professor G. S. Ramsay. He is very enthusiastic over the San Joaquin valley citrus belt, and being located in a vicinity almost entirely devoted to the growing of oranges and lemons, his views will no doubt be interesting to the general public. In an interview yesterday Mr. Ramsay said:

"The citrus belt along the Sierra Nevada foothills in Fresno and Tulare counties offers many advantages over Southern California to those who wish to engage in orange and lemon growing. Our golden fruit is free from scale and of fine quality. The oranges ripen earlier in the season and we secure the top prices when the market is bare. Then the land is richer and may be had at a much lower cost. There is also an abundance of water for cheap irrigation which cannot be said of many localities in Southern California.

"The frosts have not injured the orange or lemon groves in the vicinity of Lindsay and Porterville. The crop was nearly all picked and shipped before the cold snap. The young groves seem to be thrifty and unaffected by the cold weather.

"The orange groves in the vicinity of Lindsay are young, and this year we shipped only fourteen carloads of fruit. Next year we expect to ship 150 carloads of oranges and lemons. There are 1500 acres in orange trees in that vicinity. When the trees come into full bearing the output of oranges will be great.

"Sixty-five carloads of oranges were shipped from Porterville the present season and next year many of the young orchards will come into bearing and the output be greatly increased.

"The orchards in the vicinity of Lindsay are irrigated with water raised by pumping plants. J. J. Cavins was the first to try this method of irrigation. In 1892 he quit wheat farming and planted 100 acres in orange trees. There were no irrigation ditches, and he erected a large pumping plant and irrigated from wells. The plan was so successful that a large colony of people have located in that vicinity and followed his example.

"The orchards are irrigated from three to five times every year, and the cost for water is from $3 to $4 an acre. A twelve-horse-power engine will pump enough water to irrigate five acres a day. The fuel costs $150 and an engineer is paid $1.50 a day.

CRAZY ON ELECTRICITY.

Jack Harris, a Tramp Tourist, Becomes Insane in a Boxcar.

Jack Harris, a wandering laborer, became insane Thursday night while sleeping in an empty boxcar at Selma. A companion occupying the car with Harris was awakened by the mad man's screams and escaped from the car in a hurry.

Deputy Constable W. H. Evans and Deputy Sheriff W. J. Berry escorted Harris from Selma to Fresno yesterday. The insane man was examined by Drs. Long and Adair and it was evident that his mind is seriously affected. Judge E. W. Risley committed Harris to Stockton and Deputy Sheriff W. F. Manley will accompany him to the asylum today.

Harris was placed in a strait jacket in the insane ward owing to his violence. He shouts and screams a good deal and is given to rhyming. He appears to be insane on the subject of electricity and talks to the electric lights in his cell. His rhymes are about electricity.

Harris arrived in Selma Thursday and carried a roll of blankets, which would indicate that he was a laboring man and not a common hobo. His companion stated that the insane man did not drink or seem to be addicted to any bad habits.

Deputy Constable Evans and S. O. Goodman got into a difficulty over the crazy man before he was taken from the boxcar. The officer and a number of citizens of Selma were awaiting the arrival of Constable Zimmerman before opening the car door when Goodman said he was not afraid to open the door. It is claimed that the deputy constable dared him to do it. Goodman started to open the door and Evans assaulted him. Goodman had on an overcoat and gloves and could make no resistance and he was quite severly bruised about the face.

ELECTION POSTPONED.

Officers of the Athletic Club Not Selected.

The Athletic Club met Thursday evening for the purpose of holding its semiannual election of officers, but owing to the small attendance of members the election was postponed one month. Only about twenty-five members were present out of a membership of 260.

A boxing exhibition is being arranged for the next meeting, and as the time will be more favorable for securing a good attendance it is expected that the club members will turn out.

The following new members were admitted to the club: George E. Church Jr., George Bancroft, James Bancroft, W. H. Birmingham and O. H. Frembling.

A Defective Complaint.

The demurrer of W. S. Hoyt, the Selma raisin packer, to the complaint of B. Williams, who is suing him for $11,000 damages, was argued before Judge Webb yesterday, S. L. Carter representing Williams and L. L. Cory and James A. Burns the defendant. The court sustained the demurrer on the ground that the plaintiff's complaint was too indefinite, as it could not be determined from it whether Williams based his action for damages on libel, slander or malicious prosecution on the part of Hoyt. The plaintiff's attorney was given ten days in which to amend the complaint.

Hichborn-Houlton.

Franklin Hichborn, city editor of the *Expositor*, and Miss Mabel Houlton of Santa Clara were married yesterday. Rev. Arthur A. Graves officiated. The wedding was attended only by the relatives of the couple. The bride is a young lady of many accomplishments and taught school in the Duke district the present season.

Three Years at Folsom.

Joe Williams, the Indian who stole a horse from a fellow tribesman named Westfall last circus day, yesterday pleaded guilty in Judge Webb's court to a charge of grand larceny. He was sentenced to serve three years at Folsom.

RADLEY—JONES.

Two Young Madera County People Married in Fresno.

From Saturday's Daily.

Congratulations were showered Wednesday evening upon John Radley, a prominent and wealthy rancher of Webster, Madera county, and his bride, Laura Jones, a popular young lady, formerly a student at the Fresno business college and also a resident of Webster. Promptly at 6:30 o'clock the wedding march was played by Miss Lottie Nichols and the young couple marched into the parlor where they were met by the Rev. Graves of the Methodist Episcopal church, who officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jones and the wedding festivities were celebrated at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Nichols, 131 Clark street, in this city. The decorations were exceedingly pretty. The bride wore a handsome gown trimmed with fine lace. Miss Ella Jones, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Robert Jones as best man. After an elegant supper the young couple left amid a shower of rice for their home in Madera county.

AMERICAN FORESTERS.

Will Move Into Their New Quarters on January 6th.

The local lodge of the American Order of Foresters will, with the New Year move from the quarters in Edgerly hall to the new Donahoo, Emmons & Co. hall on I street. The new lodge room is larger and there are more conveniences, and the Foresters are much pleased because the arrangements for the change have been effected.

The lodge will formally move into its new quarters on Thursday evening, the 6th instant. The officers for 1898 will then be installed, and Hugo K. Asher of San Francisco, the grand junior woodward, will be present to conduct the proceedings. The meeting will be open to the public, and will conclude with a supper and social. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition, having a large membership, and is doing effective fraternal work.

THE FACTS GIVEN

B. M. LeLong Corrects Some Stupid Errors.

Made By the Pomological Division of the Department of Agriculture.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—A bulletin on fruit culture, of recent issue from the division of pomology, United States Department of Agriculture, which has been given wide publicity, contains numerous unpardonable mistakes pertaining to the horticultural industry of our state. These blunders were recently pointed out to the Secretary of Agriculture by Senator Stephen M. White.

To illustrate the absolute imbecility of the document, it states, for instance, that no oranges are raised in the state; makes no mention of the production of grapes south of latitude 39, that territory embracing the Fresno region and other large grape growing sections; figs are not mentioned as a California product, nor are Japanese persimmons. No mention is made of raisins, nor is the state credited with the ability to produce walnuts, and very little notice is made of many varieties of apples and peaches.

While the bulletin contains no negations that California does not raise fruit accredited to other states, it having been official endorsement and sent broadcast over the world, purporting to state the special localities devoted to the raising of the particular fruits enumerated, no other interpretation can be placed on the document than that California is not adapted to the production of the fruits named.

In order to correct the false impressions that may arise from the inaccuracy of the aforesaid bulletin, the following statistics of the acreage in fruit in 1897, and fruit shipments of recent collation, are appended:

Kind	Bearing	Non-bearing	Total	Acreage
Apple....	1,029,582	577,214	1,676,796	22,652.1
Almond..	1,031,009	662,476	1,693,485	23,235.9
Apricot...	1,628,834	1,116,076	2,744,910	30,751.3
Cherry...	394,536	179,974	574,690	8,327.9
Fig.........	185,007	31,059	216,066	4,601.4
Olive......	364,811	1,797,929	2,162,740	45,057.0
Peach.....	3,285,597	2,236,370	5,521,967	29,028.6
Pear......	937,921	682,035	1,619,956	32,028.3
Prune, Fr	4,500,313	2,721,659	7,221,972	101,656.3
Other kds	507,986	342 585	850,571	12,331.4
Lemon....	263,240	642,502	905,742	13,126.7
Lime......	250	100	350	3.2
Orange...	1,663,885	1,968,569	3,632,454	52,931.1
Walnut...	255,843	279 918	535 761	19,843.0
Plum......	7 632	4,406	12,038	174.4
Nectarine.	15,625	257	15,882	230 2
Quince....	1,988	692	5,680	54.6
Pomel....	2,233	22,227	24,460	509.9
Miscel'n's.	125,261	131,213	256,527	2,565.3
Total......	16,192,576	13,209,111	29,402 287	452 252.2

Grapes, wine, raisins and table (acres)...157,000

Fruit shipments by rail and sea for 1896 (figures for 1897 not yet available) were as follows:

	Tons.
Fresh deciduous fruits..........	87,638 3
Citrus fruits..........	99,156.0
Cured fruits..........	48,521.8
Raisins..........	31,134.6
Nuts (almonds and walnuts)..........	4,972.6
Canned fruit..........	45,546.9
Total..........	290,271.2
Wine and brandy (carloads).......	7,609.0

Respectfully submitted,
B. M. LELONG,
Secretary State Board Horticulture.
Sacramento, December 30, 1897.

KEPT THE MONEY.

Fireman Sold Ball Tickets and Tried to Levant.

Tom Brown, who is a member of the fire department, sold tickets to the masquerade ball and then tried to leave town with the proceeds, amounting to $45. He was arrested by Policeman Morse on the northbound passenger train. It was suspected that Brown would try to leave town last night and the trains were watched. Morse rode out of town on the train and watched to see that Brown did not get away by boarding it at the city limits. Brown jumped on the train near the roundhouse and the policeman arrested the defaulter and placed him in jail.

Cut Timber on Government Land.

Charles Crawford, charged with cutting timber on government land in Madera county, was dismissed by Commissioner Dante Prince this week owing to lack of evidence. B. Renfro was the complaining witness. John Shafer, charged with cutting timber on government land in Fresno county, will be examined before Commissioner Prince on January 29th. The case was set for this week, but was postponed on account of the absence of John W. Minor, the complaining witness.

Death of Mrs. J. C. Stotera.

Mrs. J. C. Stotera, aged 37 years, died at her home near Sanger last Thursday. The remains were taken to San Francisco for interment. Deceased was a devoted wife and mother and highly respected for her many good qualities. She leaves a husband and seven children.

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MERRY MASKERS

The Firemen's Ball a Grand Success.

Was Enjoyed by a Large Number of Ladies.

A Brilliant Affair and Many Beautiful Costumes Displayed. Prizes Awarded.

From Saturday's Daily.

The tenth annual masquerade ball of the Fresno Fire Department took place last night at Armory hall. Over one hundred and fifty couples were present besides a number of spectators.

The firemen were out in their striking uniforms and distinguished themselves by their gallantry and splendid bearing.

At 9 o'clock the grand march was commenced and one hundred and fifty couples participated. The maskers represented every conceivable character and the color effects produced by them as a whole were very beautiful. Sultanas robed in silks and beads, walked beside Klondyke tramps, whose apparel appeared to have been picked from a rag bag. Pretty flower girls in tantalizing, gauzy attire that reached but just a wee bit below the knee caused brave looking knights to do the gallant in their best style. There were clowns, "hayseeds," princes and princesses in great number.

The music by the orchestra was good, and the maskers were merry, everyone entering into the enjoyment of the occasion. Merry flirtations were commenced and ended during a dance and the romance forgotten. Courtesy and gallantry were features strictly adhered to, although all enjoyed the novelty of being incognito.

At 12 o'clock the prizes were awarded and the dancers unmasked. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Best dressed lady, Mrs. H. R. Wilson, who represented a Sultana. Her attire was very rich and quite striking. She received $10.

Best dressed gentleman, J. Lindsay, knight, $10.

Best sustained lady character, Miss Clara Bonney, flower girl. A toilet set was presented to the young lady.

Best sustained male character, Will (Topsy) Faber, Klondyke tramp, carving set.

Most original lady character, Miss Tillie Doyle, Easter, a pretty dress covered with eggs. Prize, a fan.

Most original male character, Monroe Goldstein, representing the hitching post episode. He was dressed as a dignified officer of great avoirdupois, mostly abdomen, and hauled a little wagon with a post in it. Prize, parlor lamp.

Best group of three, Mrs. D. Decker, Mrs. Barrett and Miss Lizzie Cronkhite, fire laddies. Their characters were well assumed and everyone was surprised when the three jaunty looking firemen turned out to be ladies. Prize, two boxes of fine cigars.

Best group of two, William Amberg and Miss Mamie Amberg, as Deacon Jones and his wife. Prize, a yard of puppies.

The following committees had charge of the affair: Committee on arrangements—James B. McDonald, E. R. Higgins, Leon Hart, Led F. Winchell, Charles Bach; reception committee—John B. McDonald, T. G. Hart, William Leavitt, Herman Swarts, Charles Inns; floor committee—Led F. Winchell (director), John B. Roehl (assistant), C. W. W. K. Cowan, J. M. McDonald, Andy Brown, Chris Knobloch and John Wolters.

The great success of the affair was most gratifying. This result was brought about by the earnest work of the various committees. Owing to the fact that tickets were sold by a large number of parties, the exact amount of the receipts could not be ascertained last nigh. Dancing was continued until a late hour.

CONSTABLE FEES

Piling Up Bills Against the County.

Back Claims for Transporting Prisoners To and From the Jail.

The constables of Fresno county are now putting in claims for back fees under the decision recently rendered by Judge Webb that they are entitled to mileage for transporting prisoners between the jail and justice courts on occasions of arraignment, examination, trial, etc. In the test case that the court decided Constable Zimmerman of Selma was awarded judgment for about $800. This embraced the claims of several constables who combined in the suit to determine the question of law.

The officers are now presenting claims for 1895 and 1896. During those years they were allowed only their actual expenses in conveying prisoners between the county jail and their respective courts. According to Judge Webb's decision they are allowed 15 cents for every mile traveled. The favorable decision of the court gives the constables the right to present back fees.

The following are the claims which have already been filed with the clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

Constable J. N. Albin, Third township—1895, $17.65; 1896, $52.30; 1897, $50.70; total, $120.65.

E. S. McClung, Second township—1895, $15.45; 1896, $13.05; 1897, $3; total, $31.50.

Ben S. Dennis, Second township—1895, $74.45; 1897, $40.55; total, $115.

J. S. Irvine, Seventh township—1895, $36; 1896, $.72; 1897, $132; total, $340.

O. L. Ingels, Seventh township—1895, $52.

William Shaw—Third township—1897, $157 85.

The constables are not allowed to draw more than $1500 a year. The above claims will be allowed in cases where they do not go beyond the limit.

Another Canal Company.

The articles of incorporation of the Enterprise Canal and Land Company of San Francisco were filed with the county clerk yesterday. M. B. Howard, J. F. Holling, F. W. Brown, George W. Lunt and M. Boehm of San Francisco are the directors of the concern. The amount of the capital stock is $5,000,000 and of this amount $2500 has been subscribed.

Timmins' Suit Decided.

Judge Webb yesterday gave Deputy Sheriff Timmins judgment against the county for $300. The suit was for back pay covering twelve months in 1893 and 1894. The warrants for that period were issued to Mr. Timmins for only $100 a month, while the law provided that his pay should be $125.

TO MAKE THE CENTURY RUN.

Ed Hertwick, the Plucky Wheelman, In the Contest.

From Saturday's Daily.

Ed Hertwick started on a century run last night exactly at 12 o'clock. The San Francisco Athletic Club offers a $75 medal to the cyclist who makes the first run of one hundred miles during the new year, and Hertwick entered the contest. He will make the run between Fresno and Herndon five times. The distance on each round trip is twenty-one miles. Hertwick made the first run in one hour and twenty-six minutes. The competition for the prize is open to cyclists on the Pacific coast and a large number have entered. Hertwick was in good condition as he passed through Fresno on his first run and he promises to make a fast record.

AGAINST THE SALOONS.

Rev. Webb to Conduct a Fight in Saratoga.

Rev. J. W. Webb leaves on the early morning train for Saratoga, Santa Clara county. That town has no saloons, but application is to be made to the Board of Supervisors next Monday for licenses. The churches and Anti-Saloon League are to hold a three days' temperance campaign and will present a remonstrance to the supervisors. Mr. Webb, as field secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, will conduct the meeting.

Later he will hold a protracted meeting in the Christian church at Santa Clara.

IN THE RAPIDS.

Escape of DeWitt Gray From a Watery Grave.

The Young Fresnan is Now Safe and Sound at Dawson City.

Lee L. Gray, the raisin packer, has received a letter from his brother, DeWitt Gray, who is now at Dawson City, Alaska. The young man was one of the first to start for the rich gold field last August after the return of Clarence Berry and other lucky miners with their nuggets of wealth.

Gray had a very narrow escape in the White Horse rapids while on the journey to Dawson. He was alone in a boat which was loaded with supplies and the fortune seeker's outfit, and was sailing down the turbulent waters of the Yukon.

In "shooting" the rapids the boat struck a snag with great force and went to the bottom, carrying all of Gray's provisions and freight down with it. The boat was swamped very quickly, and Gray was thrown into the seething stream which has swept many a man down to a watery grave.

Fortunately another boat was closely following that of Gray's, and the occupants at great risk to their lives rescued him. They were not a moment too soon, for the surging waters were about to close over him.

The plucky young Fresnan lost everything except the clothing he had on and $600 in currency, together with a letter of credit of $1000 on the Alaska Commercial Company. He had the papers secure in a belt he wore around his waist.

Gray made the rest of the trip to Dawson in the boat with his rescuers, and he is now safe in the mining capital looking for the "yellow." And DeWitt can be depended upon to leave no stone unturned in his search for riches. He is a bright and energetic young man, and will stand equal chances with the sturdiest of them in the quest for the "golden fleece."

Gray's escape from the famous White Horse rapids was indeed a remarkable one. Of the many perilous places on the route from Dyea to Dawson the rapids are the most dreaded. The travelers all heave sighs of relief when the dangerous waters are passed, and feel that they are among the fortunate.

Many men have met their death in trying to "shoot" the rapids. Charles Walter, in his letter published in the REPUBLICAN a few weeks ago, gave a description of the dangerous place, and stated that the hopes of many fortune hunters had been cut short by the savage current this season.

A NEW FIRM

W. P. Lyon Sells a Half Interest in His Business.

W. C. Kennedy Becomes a Partner in the Big Furniture Establishment.

W. Parker Lyon has sold an undivided half interest in his furniture business to W. C. Kennedy, the transaction involving about $20,000. The new partner is a son of E. Kennedy, the San Francisco capitalist who is extensively interested in Fresno, owning a big vineyard east of the city and being one of the principal stockholders in the First National bank.

The new firm will be known as W. Parker Lyon & Company, and it will continue the furniture store on I street, between Mariposa and Fresno. It is the purpose to enlarge the business in the future, although no definite plans have yet been decided upon.

Mr. Kennedy is a business man of ability, and his reputation is such that the success of the new copartnership is assured. He and Mr. Lyon will personally conduct the business, which will be continued on the energetic lines that have brought such great success to Mr. Lyon.

In fact the success of Mr. Lyon during the six years he has conducted the furniture store is an excellent example of the opportunities that have been offered and are yet open in Fresno to men of tact and energy. He started a small establishment in which he employed no help, and now he has a business which has grown to large proportions and is in fact one of the most successful in the interior of the state.

The business had become so extensive that Mr. Lyon deemed it wise to take in a partner to assist him in conducting it.

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Captain Nevills, the capitalist and miner, is in Fresno.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Dr. O. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

SPINNEY ABSENT

So Hart Is Still Fire Chief.

Trustees Chittenden and McVey Were Uneasy.

A Deadlock Over a Motion To Approve Truman Hart's Election.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The city trustees met last evening with Messrs. Craycroft, McVey, Austin and Chittenden present. Trustee Spinney was not in evidence, and as he was not ill last evening it is presumed that some important matters caused him to remain away.

Trustees Chittenden and McVey were very serious over some matter and appeared to be ill at ease during the whole evening. They seemed to think that board was not competent to transact business during Spinney's absence. When the matter of confirming the election of Truman G. Hart as chief of the Fresno fire department came up the Democratic trustees looked perplexed. Both expressed a desire to postpone the matter until a full board was present, as only four out of five members were in attendance.

The proceedings of the board in regular order were as follows:

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved P. J. Duncan was granted a permit to build an extension on his livery stable on Front street.

Al Baker's petition for a liquor license came up for the first reading.

A permit was granted J. R. Wolf to build a 10x12 office and a corrugated iron shed at the corner of Tulare and H streets.

Petitions for a lateral sewer through blocks 191 and 182 were read and approved.

City Recorder Clark reported that he had not collected any fees during the month of December.

Marshal M. L. Woy reported collections for December as follows: Regular licenses, $877.50; fractional licenses, $71.65; personal property taxes, $27.31; real estate, $2193.75; poll taxes, $1156.

Treasurer O. H. Swett reported cash in the several funds as follows: General, $21,446 75; street, $2943.66; sewer, $1572.99; library, $2077.43; bond fund No. 1, $861.84; No. 2, $2934.05; No. 3, $666.24; No. 4, $586.67; No. 6, $3163.49; sundry, $47.82; total on hand, $36,505.94.

The report of the fire department's election of officers was then received.

Trustee Austin moved that the nominations be accepted. There was no second to this motion.

Craycroft occupied the chair and Trustees Chittenden and McVey seemed at a loss for anything to say. There was silence for a few moments and then an idea struck Trustee McVey. He moved that the report be laid on the table for one week. Chittenden seconded the motion, saying it was important to have the full board present when the matter was considered.

McVey's motion was defeated by a tie vote, the Democratic trustees standing pat on the proposition and Craycroft and Austin opposing.

Austin repeated his motion in favor of confirming the nomination of Hart for chief. Craycroft seconded the motion and requested McVey to take the chair.

Mayor Craycroft demanded immediate action upon the matter of confirming Truman Hart as chief. He said that the trustees were in duty bound to confirm the chief elected by the fire department.

Trustee Chittenden objected to the consideration of the matter and asked that the trustees adjourn until Friday, Thursday or Wednesday evening; anything but action upon the subject under consideration at last evening's meeting was desired.

Attorney Frank Short was present and stated that the law required the trustees to confirm at their next regular meeting after the election, the fire chief selected by the department.

City Attorney Lewis H. Smith also informed the trustees that the law required action by the trustees at the first regular meeting night after the election of a chief by the department. The law is very plain, he said, and there is no way of electing a chief except by confirming the selection of the department.

Chittenden insisted upon adjourning until some future time, and Temporary Chairman McVey endeavored to prevent a vote upon Austin's motion to confirm Hart's election. He seemed to think it was out of order.

Trustees Austin and Craycroft insisted upon a vote and the result was two ayes and two nays upon the motion.

It was a deadlock and Trustee Spinney will be responsible for any future decision of the matter. He has been friendly to Hart in the past and may conclude that the Democrats are asking too much of him when they desire that he chop off Hart's official head as chief.

The trustees again proceeded to business and approved the bills that had been passed on by the auditing committee.

It was moved by Chittenden and seconded by Austin that the trustees adjourn until Thursday evening.

Lone Star School Report.

The following is the roll of honor of Lone Star school for December, 1897, including the percentage of scholarship of each pupil: Della Poole 95, Mabel Dalton 91, Frank Dalton 90, Rena Dalton 86, Harry Dalton 95, Ostis Kaufman 89, Ernest Kaufman 89, Ray Kaufman 86, Lena Fotter 90, Noble Smith 90, Verna Knapp 90, James Hancock 91, Hattie Hancock 91, Claude Hancock 92, Nellie Hancock 97, Anson Gerner 87, Leona Bayless 93, Dimple Kelly 96, Nadine Wash 94, Nellie Armstrong 93, Daisy Armstrong 91, Joseph Martin 90, John Martin 94, Abbie Johnson 93, Carrie Martin 94, Williard Mugg 90, Eva Mugg 92, Omer Mugg 86, Edna Gill 94, John Wilson 93, Angie Wilson 92, Maud Rucker 98. W. W. POOLE, Teacher.

DIRECTORS CHOSEN.

Meeting of Stockholders of the Tuolumne Mining Company.

The Tuolumne Mining and Development Company held its annual meeting in Einstein hall last evening, a large number of stockholders being present. The affairs of the company are in fine condition, and it owns some of the best properties in Tuolumne county.

The following board of directors was elected: Jay Scott, George H. Monroe, F. M. Helm, J. P. Vincent and John Baird. The company has a ten-stamp mill running night and day at present, and it is contemplated to add ten stamps more in the near future.

F. E. Doyle came up from Dinuba yesterday to spend the day in Fresno.

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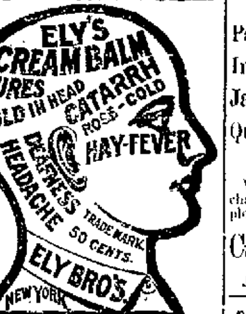

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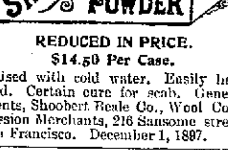

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Executor's Sale.

In the Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.
Department 9. No. 17,640.
In the matter of the estate of Francis S. Spring, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, John R. Spring, Executor of the will of Francis S. Spring, deceased, will sell under and in pursuance of the order of the Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, made and entered in the matter of the said estate, at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States, the following real and personal property situated in the County of Fresno, State of California, hereinafter described. The sale will be made on or after the 22d day of January, 1898, and bids in writing will be received at the office of the said Executor, Room No. 24, of the building in the City and County of San Francisco, known as No. 530 California street. Bids may be left at said office or they may be delivered to the Executor personally or filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, at any time after the first publication of this notice and before the making of the sale.

REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO.

That certain tract of land known as section No. 25, in township 14 south, range 17 east of Mount Diablo base and meridian, according to the survey of the United States government, containing 640 acres, a little more or less.
d31w JOHN R. SPRING, Executor.

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Delinquent Notice.

Fresno Gas and Electric Light Company, location of principal place of business, Fresno City, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE is delinquent upon the following described stock on account of assessment levied on the 10th day of August, 1897, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective share holders as follows:

Names.	No. of Certificates.	No. of Shares.	Am't
John L. Eastwood	221	23	$ 23 00
Sam F. rguson	132	17½	17 50
Maude Ferguson	133	17½	17 50
Frances H. Chisholm...	160	12½	12 50
Fulton G. Berry	4	1000	1000 00
Fulton G. Berry	37	25	25 00
Fulton G. Berry	38	25	25 00
Edwin C. White	25	19	19 00
Edwin C. White	26	34	34 00
Edwin C. White	28	1	1 00

And in accordance with law so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary, will be sold at public auction at the office of said company at 1050 J street, in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, on the 2d day of October, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, to pay delinquent assessments thereon, together with costs of advertising and expenses of the sale.

AXEL GUTSCH, Secretary.
Office No. 1050 J street, in city of Fresno, county of Fresno, California.
Fresno, Cal., September 16th, 1897. s17w

Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, THOMAS LYALL AND HIS wife, Josie S. Lyall executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman November 2nd, 1891, and recorded November 5th, 1891, in book 115 of deeds, at page 478 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note made by the said Thomas Lyall and Josie S. Lyall, and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on January 12th, 1898, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the courthouse door in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of the northwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of northwest quarter; also the northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section eight, in township thirteen south, range twenty-two (22) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water rights, water ditches and privileges that are connected with, used or appertain to said land.

d10w ED R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, JOHN CRAWFORD AND HIS wife, Margaret E. Crawford, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman April 12th, 1892, and recorded April 16th, 1892, in volume 139 of deeds, at page 131, and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note, made by the said John Crawford and Margaret E. Crawford; and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on January 12th, 1898, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the courthouse door, in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of section twenty-eight (28), in township sixteen (16) south, range twenty(20) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water ditches, water rights and privileges that are connected with, used or appertain to said land.

d25w ED. R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
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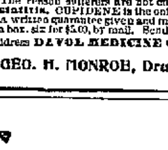

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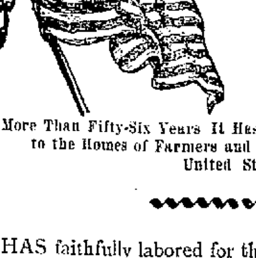

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Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, LEMUEL HARP AND HIS wife, Loretta Harp, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman on March 21st, 1895, and recorded April 4th, 1895, in book 187 of deeds, at page 311 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note made by the said Lemuel Harp and Loretta Harp, and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust, and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on January 12th, 1898, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the courthouse door, in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of section twenty-four (24), in township sixteen (16) south, range twenty-two (22) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water ditches, water rights and privileges in any way used, connected with, or appertaining to said land.

d10w ED. R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

Trustee's Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, JAMES T. WATKINS AND HIS wife, Emma Watkins, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and W. P. Coleman November 18th, 1893, and recorded November 22d, 1893, in book 159 of deeds, at page 400 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note made by the said James T. Watkins and Emma Watkins, and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust, and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on January 12th, 1898, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the courthouse door, in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section seven (7), in township sixteen (16) south, range twenty-two (22) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water rights, water ditches and privileges that are connected with, used or appertain to said land.

wd17 ED R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

Notice for Publication.

Land office at Visalia, California, October 29 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before T. G. Hart, county clerk of Fresno county, Cal., at Fresno, Cal., on December 11th, 1897, viz: James Field, H. E. No. 7421, for the E. ½ of S. W. ¼ and W. ½ of S. E. ¼, Sec. 29, T. 15 S., R. 12 E., M. D. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: R. R. Griggs, of Mendota, Cal.; Henry Schunemann, of Hayes, Cal.; Theodore Willard, of Hayes, Cal.; Joseph Brutinel, of Hayes, Cal.

wn5tc S. R. PATRICK, Register.

Notice of Application for Pardon.

FRESNO, Cal., September 2d, 1897.
To all whom it may concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned will apply to Gov. Jas. H. Budd, at his office at Sacramento, on October 2d, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, for the pardon of Ah Bow, convicted of murder in the second degree, May 9th, 1885, and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment at San Quentin.

S. L. Hinds, attorney for applicant. s3l3w

Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, OLOF BORG EXECUTED a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman April 20th, 1891, and recorded May 7th, 1891, in book 113 of deeds, at page 250 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note, made by the said Olof Borg, and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on January 12th, 1898, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the courthouse door, in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-three (23) in township sixteen (16) south, range twenty-two (22) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water ditches, water rights and privileges that are connected with, used, or appertain to said land.

d10w ED. R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, EUGENE E. TRUE AND HIS wife, Olive J. True, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman June 3d, 1892, and recorded June 7th, 1892, in book 139 of deeds, at page 172 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note, made by the said Eugene E. True and Olive J. True, and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust, and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on January 12th, 1898, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the courthouse door in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 19, in township 15 south, range 23 east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water rights, water ditches, and privileges that are used, connected with, or appertain to said land.

d10w ED R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

Trustee's Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, WILLIAM PARKER, LOUISA Parkes, Joshua A. Beall and Jennie E. Beall, formerly Jennie E. Parkes, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman, as follows: Joshua A. Beall and Jennie E. Beall October 22nd, 1895; William Parkes and Louisa Parkes on November 11th, 1895, and recorded November 23d, 1895, in book 195 of deeds, at page 71 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of two certain promissory notes made by the said William Parkes and Louisa Parks, and Joshua A. Beall and Jennie E. Beall, and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said notes, and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust, and upon application of the owner and holder of said notes, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on January 12th, 1898 between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the courthouse door, in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit: The north half of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section one (1); also the northeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of section two (2); also the south half of section three (3); also the northwest quarter of section five (5), also the northeast quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section number six (6); also one hundred (100) acres in the southeast quarter of section number nine (9), described as follows; commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section number nine (9), township thirteen (13) south, range twenty-two (22) east, Mount Diablo Base and meridian, running 57½ rods south to the east summit of Red Bank Creek, thence one hundred and seventy-one (171) rods, more or less down said creek to a short bend in said creek; thence eight (8) rods, more or less southwest, coming to the creek again; thence down the east bank of said creek to the section line; thence west to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of said section nine (9); thence north one hundred and sixty (160) rods to the center line of said section nine (9); thence one hundred and sixty (160) rods to the point of beginning: all of the above described land being in township thirteen (13) south, range twenty-two east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water rights and water ditches, water contracts and privileges in any way appertaining to, used or connected with said land.

d10w ED. R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

Assessment Notice.

THE LIBERTY MILL RACE COMPANY levied an assessment on November 27, 1897, known as assessment No. 17, at $10 per share of capital stock of the company and to be paid immediately to the secretary and to become delinquent December 27, 1897.

d1013w IRENE HANCOCK, Secretary.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Owen D. Colson, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNdersigned William C. Colson, administrator of the estate of Owen D. Colson deceased, to creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them with necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said administrator at the drug store of Buker & Colson, number 1906 Mariposa street, Fresno, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in the county of Fresno, California.

Dated, 29th day of September, 1897.
WILLIAM C. COLSON, Administrator.
Alva E. Snow, attorney for the administrator.
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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

Bradstreet's Review and Predictions.

Great Decrease in the Number of Failures.

The Situation Full of Promise in the Matter of Renewed Confidence.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Holiday quiet and stock-taking close a year which, while not fully realizing the most sanguine expectations, certainly contained much that was gratifying and more that is full of promise for the year 1898.

Following a series of years of alternate panic, stagnation and slow, and even painful revival, 1897 presented a large volume of business, done as a whole at prices which, while not altogether satisfactory, give a total of trade larger than in any previous year since 1892. Tariff changes restricted demand but encouraged speculation and heavy imports in the first part of 1897, while the enlarged foreign demand for American breadstuffs and for some varieties of manufactured articles bettered the condition of the American farmer and therefore business quite materially in the latter part of the year.

Price conditions have not favored the southern producer of cotton nor the northern manufacturer of cotton goods. The best reports come from the west, northwest and Pacific coast. Prices at the lowest are as a whole on a higher range than at the opening, advances being most numerous in food products, raw silk and wool, while decreases are reported in raw cotton and cotton goods, nearly all metals, anthracite coal and petroleum. Railroad interests shared the revival of prosperity with gross and net earnings larger than any year since 1893, and the year 1898 opens with the business community in a very cheerful frame of mind.

A heavy falling off in number and in liabilities of individuals, firms or corporations failing was shown in 1897 from 1896 and the four preceding years. A partial return to more or less normal conditions is further indicated by a drop in the percentage of assets to the liabilities and by a reduction in the commercial death rate as compared with every since and including 1893. The total number of failures reported to Bradstreet's for the year just closed was 13,396, a decrease of 2900 failures and over 13 per cent from the 1896; a falling off of 15 per cent from the panic year of 1893 and a decrease of more than 2 per cent from the year of 1891.

Compared with 1895, there was a gain in the number of failures shown of about half of 1 per cent, while compared with 1892 there was an increase of 28 per cent. Liabilities of those failing constituted one of the smallest totals of recent years, amounting to only $156,165,000, a decrease of 37 per cent from 1896; of 60 per cent from 1893 and of 19 per cent from 1891, but a gain of 47 per cent over 1892. The least favorable showing is made by the eastern states, which report increases in number and liabilities over 1896.

In spite of depression in cotton prices, southern failures and liabilities are smaller than a year ago, while the greatest falling off is reported in the west and northwest. The percentage of assets to liabilities of those failing in 1897, was 54.4 per cent, the smallest percentage since 1893, and only slightly above the normal. The commercial death rate, that is, the percentage of those in business failing in 1897, was 1.20 as compared with 1.40 in 1897 and 1.05 in 1893.

Those reliable indicators of the business situation, bank clearings, point to the year 1897 as witnessing the heaviest business, both speculative and commercial, done since the record year, 1892. The total clearings at 68 cities for the year, one week estimated aggregated at least $56,926,000,000, a sum larger than 12 per cent of the total of 1896, the year of silver agitation and exciting presidential election; 9 per cent larger than 1895, the disappointing year, when a boom in iron and kindred products led to false hopes of business improvement; and 25 per cent over the year 1894, when the depth of depression following the panic may be said to have reached.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The *Financier* says: The statement of the associated banks of New York city for the week ending December 31st is an argument in favor of easier money rates. The banks, since December 24th, have gained in cash $5,746,200 and their net deposits have expanded nearly $6,000,000. As the gains in cash and deposits were also identical, the reserve has increased in proportion—that is, it is about 75 per cent of the total cash expansion. The result is that the margin of excess reserve has been increased $4,255,300, and at the close of the week stood at $15,788,750.

In view of this showing all fear of stringency over the close of the year must be dismissed. During the next week the Union Pacific Company will make another $8,000,000 deposit into the treasury, and there is no likelihood that it will have any more effect on the market than last week's settlement of a similar amount caused. This will end a transaction which had an important effect on money for some time and a normal period will succeed it.

COMPETITION IMPOSSIBLE.

The Dingley Bill Gets Another Vindication.

BERLIN, January 1.—The export of ladies dress goods to the United States almost ceased during the past quarter, the Dingley tariff making competition impossible. Only models and samples have been sent. The first big shipment of about one hundred American horses, mainly for riding and carriage use, arrived during the course of the week and was sold within twenty-four hours.

An Irresponsible Forger.

SAN JOSE, December 31.—Frederick Thompson, an Englishman, who has been in jail for some ninety days awaiting sentence on a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny, was made happy today by being released on his own recognizance. Thompson forged a check for $7,50, using a friend's name. He did the work while drunk. He formerly owned a large ranch and 30,000 sheep in New Zealand.

Luetgert's New Year.

CHICAGO, December 31,—Adolph L. Luetgert, on trial for wife murder, will spend New Year's day in Judge Gary's room. After a conference today between Judge Gary and the jury it was decided to hold court tomorrow and proceed with the trial. Judge Gary said he saw no difference between holding court on the 1st of January and the 1st of July.

THE WORLD'S SECOND CITY

What New York Became Today.

Autocratic Powers of the New Mayor.

He Will Have More Patronage to Bestow Than Many Emperors.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The citizens of New York, which tomorrow becomes the second city of the world, enter then upon what is believed to be the greatest problem of municipal government ever presented. With the last stroke of the clock at midnight announcing the advent of the New Year there will be born a city such as the Emperors and Kings of history would have deemed great for an empire.

For six months, unless the machinery of the new municipality gets into motion, the mayor of New York has the power of an autocrat. He may appoint officials with salaries running into the thousands with as lavish a hand as ever emperor treated his favorites.

He will appoint every department head in the city, except the comptroller, who is elected for four years. He will appoint all commissioners, justices of inferior criminal courts, all the members of the school boards, with the exception of the commissioner of education, the justices of special sessions and the police magistrate and is given the power to remove any official in New York and appoint his successor.

There are five boroughs in the great New York, namely Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Richmond.

The municipal legislature is composed of the council with twenty-eight members and a board of aldermen of sixty men. The president of the council is selected by the people. The board of aldermen will be chosen by the members of that body. Mayor Van Wyck is given power to veto any ordinance or resolution of either body of the municipal assembly unless five sixths of the members of both houses declare otherwise.

Each of the five boroughs has a borough president but his principal duty is to preside over the various local bodies in his borough.

STATE PRODUCTS

They Have Increased During the Year.

Wheat Is the Only Exception in a Very Long List.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—The *Chronicle* in its annual New Year edition will give the following statistics regarding the principal products of California, showing an increase in every instance with the exception of wheat, which has fallen off somewhat:

Total production in 1897—Wine, 30,000,000 gallons; beets sugar, 65,000,000 pounds; wheat, 16,000,000 centals; barley, 9,600,000 centals, wool, 32,000,000 pounds; lumber, $10,600,000; hops, 50,000 bales; beans, 87,000,000 pounds, prunes, 82,500,000 pounds; raisins, 64,000,000 pounds; honey, 310 cars of 12 tons each; oranges, 10,250 cars of 320 boxes each.

The exports of merchandise from San Francisco amounted to $40,000,000, the largest in any year with the exception of 1891, when it was $48,000,000.

The imports amount to $19,000,000.

THE TOURNAMENT ENDED.

California Markets Win the "Examiner's" Prize.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1.—The California Markets defeated the Santa Claras today at Central Park by a score of 8 to 4. Santa Clara lost the game through errors and weak stick work. Iberg, the local pitcher, was very effective and held the visitors down to half a dozen hits. This game gives to the Markets the *Examiner* trophy, pennant and $1000. Score: Markets 8, Santa Clara 4. Umpires, McDonald and Mertes.

CAR LINES UNITE.

Santa Monica Electric Lines Will Compete no More.

LOS ANGELES, December 31.—Articles of incorporation have been filed of the Los Angeles and Pacific Railroad Company.

It is formed "for the purpose of consolidating the capital stock, debts, property, franchises, etc., of the two corporations known respectively as the Pasadena and Pacific Railroad Company of California, and to acquire and operate single or double track electric railway lines from the city of Los Angeles to the city of Santa Monica, with branch lines running from the main line to Hollywood, Laurel Canyon and South Santa Monica, Santa Monica canyon and the Soldiers home."

The company will also operate telegraph and telephone lines along said railway lines.

ROSES IN JANUARY.

Pasadena's Surprise Party for Eastern Visitors.

PASADENA, Cal., January 1.—Pasadena's ninth annual tournament of roses was witnessed by an immense crowd of people today, who swarmed into the city by every available conveyance, taxing to their utmost the capacity of the three steam railways and the electric line.

The day was perfect and as the gaily decorated equipages, almost hidden from view by thousands of roses and choice flowers, rolled through the streets, past green lawns and orange groves laden with golden fruit, the sight presented to the eastern tourists was in vivid contrast to the bleak scenes of snow and ice which they had so lately left behind them in their eastern homes.

Silver for Europe.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The steamship Etruria, sailing for Europe tomorrow, will take 1055 ounces of silver.

ONE MORE EFFORT MADE

Durrant's Attorneys Try a New Lead

But Find the Judges Very Unsympathetic.

The Scheme is to Get the Case Back Into the Federal Courts.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—Another sensational attempt was made this morning to take the Durrant case into the federal courts. A remarkable document was presented to United States Circuit Judge Hawley, and upon it a writ of habeas corpus was asked. The object was to prevent the execution of the murderer of Blanche Lamont one week from today.

The document presented to Judge Hawley was drawn by Attorney Boardman. Messrs. Dickinson and Deuprey confined themselves to phases of the case that are expected to crop out later. The application was taken into court promptly at 11, just as Judge Hawley took his seat upon the bench.

"If your honor please," said Mr. Deuprey, "we have here a petition in the matter of Theodore Durrant, which we would respectfully ask the court to consider at this time."

"I am just finishing up my business, preparatory to going away," replied Judge Hawley, "and as the other judges are more familiar with the case, having heard similar applications before, I shall decline to act in the matter.

"Well, if the court please," said Mr. Deuprey, in most humble tones, "we would like to have it appear that the application was formally and—"

But Judge Hawley refused to make any order, but left court open for Judge Morrow to hear the matter.

Mr. Boardman then tried to induce the judge to change his mind but was unsuccessful, and a recess was taken until 1 p. m., the court remarking that it was to be understood that the application had been formally presented.

The application for a writ of habeas was based principally upon the fact that the United States, Judges Morrow and De Haven, recently refused to allow Durrant's attorneys to even file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, the contention being that the law gives the right to appeal from the refusal of a writ of habeas corpus. The petition goes further and alleges that in view of the fact the papers on appeal were presented for filing—which filing was disallowed—there is virtually an appeal now pending before the United States supreme court.

The petition asks the reversal of the former judgment of the circuit court in denying the attorneys the privilege of filing notice of appeal.

At 1 o'clock the attorneys for Durrant re-appeared in the United States circuit court but Judge morrow did not appear.

The clerk of the court in a few minutes addressed the attorneys and said that Judge Hawley's instructions were that if Judge Morrow was not present to hold court, it should stand adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Marshal Baldwin, at the request of the attorneys, waited until 1.15, but Judge Morrow not appearing court was declared adjourned until Monday next.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—Late this afternoon the state supreme court refused the application of the attorneys for Theodore Durrant for a certificate of probable cause submitted to that body yesterday. The decision was signed by Justices Van Fleet, Henshaw, Temple, McFarland and Chief Justice Beatty. Justice Harrison was absent and Justice Garoutte did not participate in the deliberation.

DIED IN PRAYER

The Call Came Suddenly in Church.

Mrs. Honora Dorgan While Kneeling in Devotion Is Summoned Away.

OAKLAND, December 31.—Death came to Mrs. Honora Dorgan while she knelt in devotion at early mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart this morning.

It was in the midst of the service that the death of the aged worshiper occurred. It was so sudden that not a hand could be outstretched to stay her fall to the floor. A moaning sound was heard, but no attention was paid to it.

A moment later Mrs. Dorgan stood up in her place, and with a cry that could be heard all through the church tried to gain the aisle. Then she reeled and fell. The vested priest left the altar and half a dozen sisters of charity also came to her assistance. When they reached the prostrate woman she was beyond their aid. It is conceded that death resulted from heart disease.

A Patriot in Chains.

BARCELONA, January 1.—General Ruiz Rivera, the insurgent leader who was captured badly wounded in the province of Pinar del Rio by the Spanish troops, under General Velasco on March 29, 1897, and who was condemned to death and his sentence modified, has arrived here and was conducted on foot and in chains to Montjuich Fortress, between two lines of soldiers and mounted gendarmes. General Rivera was calm, but he protested against being chained. No one was allowed to speak to him. There was a big crowd of people present in the vicinity, but there were no manifestations.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, January 3.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat, Saturday, January 1st, as compiled by the New York fruit exchange, is as follows: Wheat 38,815,000, increase 2,197; corn 38,121,000 bushels, increase 272,000; oats 12,244,000 bushels, decrease 523,000; rye 1,555,000 bushels, increase 345,000; barley 4,411,000 bushels, decrease 348,000.

Relief for the Cubans.

WASHINGTON, January 1.—After consultation with the state department officials the Red Cross has arranged to open headquarters in New York for the reception and forwarding to Havana of contributions for the suffering Cubans. Miss Martin will be in charge and she may find it necessary to go to Havana to arrange for co-operation with Consul General Lee.

READY FOR THE GRAB

England and Germany in Harmony.

The Partition of China is Inevitable.

All the Powers Concerned Waiting for Some One to Begin.

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LONDON, Jan. 1—The ingenuity displayed in manufacturing news from the far east is remarkable. Five-sixths of the statements can be safely labeled guess work. The British and Russian foreign officers are as dumb as oysters and the German stream of conflicting communications in the semi-official press shows they do not know which foot they are standing on. France is apparently in the dark, while the Mikado has dissolved the Japanese diet, in order that the opinions should not be expressed. Under the circumstances it is not strange that accurate information is difficult to secure.

The known facts wholly corroborate the statements cabled to the Associated Press on Saturday last, that Great Britain is carefully watching the situation biding her time and will not fail to act promptly and vigorously at the proper moment.

Evidently, apart from the question of the Chinese loan, the Korean question is more interesting for Great Britain at the present moment than present conditions at Port Arthur and Kiao Chau, principally because the Marquis of Salisbury sees in the attempt to oust J. McLeavy Brown, the British superintendent of Korean customs, a more serious scheme to overturn Sir Robert Hart, the British director of the Chinese Imperial Maritime customs, which has apparently been nipped in the bud.

The cabinet's existence would be short if it permitted Russia to coerce the Tsung Liyamen (Chinese foreign office) into dismissing the British head of the Chinese customs. It is not known yet whether the British government will approve of the arrangements arrived at, according to a cable dispatch from Pekin, by which Mr. McLeavy Brown and M. Alexieff, the Russian agent in Korea, will work the Korean customs together.

The British minister appears to be somewhat distrustful and the warships of Great Britain which are at present at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, in order to give moral support to Mr. Brown, will remain there for the present.

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BERLIN, January 1.—Bishop Anzer who has been thirty-four years in China and who is about to return said:

"I am amazed at the keen knowledge the emperor displayed regarding China, its resources and government. Every question the emperor asked was pointed. There is no doubt Germany means to keep Kiao Chau and its contiguous territory; and if the right measures are taken it will prove a most valuable possession, even more valuable than Hong Kong, because its mineral wealth, coal and iron, although needing a large amount of capital to develop it, is almost inexhaustible."

The Emperor told the Bishop that steps were under way to give thorough German administration to the territory and to rapidly develop the natural commercial advantages of Kiao Chau. The best expert judgment would be taken on every step proposed. Already measures have been inaugurated to interest private German capital. Three large companies are forming in Berlin and Cologne for this purpose and the Deutsche bank is identified with several plans in this direction.

Relative to his audience with the Pope, Bishop Anzer said his holiness "highly approved the energy shown by Germany in the gigantic task of opening China and preparing her for the blessings of Christianity and civilization." The Pope also expressed the opinion that speedy penalty would be meted out to China for the last mission murders, which would strike wholesome terror into the heathen government.

Germany in the spring will commence improving the harbor of Kiao Chau and will construct docks and wharves and strengthen the forts materially. Krupp ordnance of large caliber has been ordered, and during the winter a large quantity of military supplies will be sent to China. Some of the best artillery and engineer officers have volunteered to go to Kiao Chau.

In official circles it is not believed that Great Britain or any other power will interfere with Germany's plans. It is said the entente with Russia and France is perfected and that France will soon force China to grant her further compensations on her southern frontier. It is also learned from an excellent source that there is no intention on the part of either Russia, Germany or France to place obstacles in Great Britain's way if she feels inclined to seize the present opportunity of strengthening her position and interests in the south of China from Shanghai south.

A number of conservative leaders of the reichstag, notably Baron Von Mantenffel, Baron Von Stumm and Count Von Mirbach, have declared their intention of withdrawing from active politics during the coming spring. This is mainly due to the growing strength of agrarianism within the conservative ranks and the hostile attitude of that movement toward the government.

NO OPEN CITY.

The New Police of New York Instructed.

The Laws to be Broadly Construed and Liberally Enforced.

NEW YORK, January 3.—The police commissioners had all the commanding officers and captains in Greater New York before them today. In an address President York said there would be no political preference in the department and that all laws on the statute books must be rigidly enforced. Gambling and lottery laws were especially alluded to, in regard to the widely discussed action of the old board under Theodore Roosevelt, President York said: "We don't want man detailed on the street to arrest women for the purpose of discovering disorderly houses. That is not part of your duty as officers, but we expect you to break up such places and enforce all violations, whether gambling or social. The impression has gone abroad through the public prints that the incoming of this board meant that there would be an open city. There will be none so far as this department is concerned, but we want the laws broadly construed and liberally enforced."

NEW YEAR IN EUROPE

Emperor William at Berlin.

Italy is Feeling Very Happy.

England Has Fresh Troubles in Soudan—France is Peaceful.

PARIS, January 1.—President Faure, at the New Year's reception of the ambassadors, replying to their congratulations said: "Faithful to the principles which have constantly guided the government of the republic France will not be wanting in the task she has set herself in the work of civilization and peace. The results obtained in 1897 were not such as to discourage our efforts and hopes. Thanks to the firm spirit of the union which has constantly prevailed in the council of the powers the supreme interest attaching to the maintenance of peace has emerged intact from difficult trials."

ITALY IS HAPPY.

ROME, January 1.—The royal family of Italy held its usual reception today. King Humbert, replying to the address of the senate, said they opened for Italy under happy and peaceful auspices. Replying to the deputies his majesty appealed to them not to delay the work of parliament.

GERMANY PLEASANT.

BERLIN, January 1.—As usual on New Year's day there was a religious service today in the chapel of the castle. It was attended by the emperor, the empress and ex-Empress Frederick.

At the court reception today Emperor William was most pleasant and affable. He spoke in English to the United States ambassador, Mr. Andrew T. White, and to the British ambassador, Sir Frank Cavendish Lascelles, in German to the German ambassador, Count Von Szogyeny-Marich, and in French to the other ambassadors.

Mr. White delivered to his majesty President McKinley's message thanking the emperor for his expressions of condolence on the death of Mrs. McKinley, the president's mother. The emperor spoke very feelingly on the subject, referring to the mutual relations between the mother and her son, who, he remarked, was his mother's pride.

The emperor also said he was glad he had sent Von Holleuben to Washington as Germany's ambassador adding that the doctor was liked by them so far as his majesty knew.

AUSTRIA ANXIOUS.

BUDAPEST, January 1.—Baron Banffy, the Hungarian premier, received the Liberals of the diet today, according to custom. He said thirty years' experience had taught Hungary that she must not dissolve the present economic alliance with Austria. Though of course there might be bounds to Hungary's desire for its maintenance recent events in the diet, he claimed, were entirely unjustified, shook parliamentarism to its foundations and violated its principles.

BRITAIN'S TROUBLES.

DUBLIN, January 1.—The Lord Mayor's show today passed off quietly. Lord Roberts of Khander, the commander of the forces in Ireland, had accepted an invitation to take luncheon with the Lord Mayor, but withdrew his acceptance owing to the latter's acceding to the demands of the Nationalists that the Lord Mayor dispense with the usual military escorts and bands of music. The members of the corporation thereupon published a letter to the Lord Mayor declaring that his action was intended by his advisers as an insult to the Queen.

LONDON, January 1, via Cairo.—The Warwickshire and Lincolnshire regiments of the British army have been ordered to start from Wady Halfa for the Soudan frontier.

The ordering of the troops to the front was occasioned by reliable news from Omdurman, (the Khalifi's great camp near Khartoum) to the effect that the Dervishes are preparing another northward movement. Though the movement has not yet actually begun great excitement prevails here.

LONDON, January 1.—The admiralty today issued an official denial of the reports that three of the Empress steamers have been requisitioned by the admiralty and also officially denied the statement that the naval reserve of the China station has been called out.

TAKES IT BACK

Gen. Weyler is Cornered at Last.

He Called on the Queen Regent of Spain and Humbly Apologized.

MADRID, January 1.—At a meeting of the cabinet last evening General Correo, the minister of war, made a report on the memorial which General Weyler recently presented to the queen regent on the subject of President McKinley's message to congress. General Weyler in this report denied having sent copies of his protest to the newspapers. The minister of war also read a royal edict urging the supreme court martial to prosecute those who communicated the text to the press.

The director of the *Nacional* says that as a personal friend of General Weyler, he went to the General's study, where he took a rough draught of the notes and supplied them to the press. He adds that General Weyler is innocent of distributing the matter to the newspapers.

The government, however, is convinced that General Weyler is guilty, having committed several misdemeanors and is inclined to act in the most rigorous manner.

General Weyler this afternoon called at the Palace in order to personally apologize to the queen regent and exculpate himself.

Gave Up in Despair.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1.—George O'Neil of 137 Sanchez street, a consumptive, despairing of regaining health, committed suicide today by shooting himself in the head.

Killed by Tramps.

PHOENIX, A. T. December 31.—The body of the man killed by tramps at Maricopa several days ago has been identified as that of Alexander Watkins, a yardmaster employed in this city for several months past. No clue has been found as to the murderers.

HANNA HAS A HARD FIGHT

Lacks Three Votes of Election.

The Opposition Strongly Organized.

The Senator Confident He Will "Win Out," But His Friends Uncertain.

COLUMBUS, O., January 3.—The senatorial contest in the Ohio legislature has become desperate. The combine of ten anti-Hanna Republicans with the Democratic members won at the caucuses last Saturday night and again today in organizing both branches of the legislature in the interest of the "combine" opposition to the re-election of Senator Marcus Hanna.

There are two more days for the test of the strength of the joint senatorial caucuses, next Wednesday and the balloting for senator Wednesday January 12th. The complexions of the legislative organization and the patronage disposed of, the Hanna men tonight began a most desperate fight on the senatorship.

The Hanna men deny that they will form a combination with Brice for a gold senator rather than be beaten by a free silver Republican, or that they will do anything else but fight it out if it takes all winter.

While they are not able to give a list long enough to elect, they claim that Hanna is stronger than Boxwell and the other regular Republican candidates in the organization of the legislature and that the opposition has not enough votes to elect a senator. The Hanna men concede that they have lost the power of the organization of both branches.

The developments of last Saturday night and today have caused the Hanna men to admit that they were outdone in the preliminary organization for this contest and that they underestimated the opposition and especially the extent of it since the November election.

While ex-Chairman Kurtz was thought to have been organizing against Senator Hanna ever since the Republican state convention at Toledo in June, yet the participation of Governor Bushnell and others had not been fully anticipated. The Democratic state headquarters have been kept in operation by John R. McLean and others ever since the November election, ostensibly to prepare for a grand free silver carnival here on Jackson day, January 8th.

It now transpires that the Democratic state headquarters were kept open to get all the Democratic members in line for what took place today and for the defeat of Hanna. Meantime Mr. Kurtz was marshalling every possible Republican in line against Hanna and communicating with the committee on arrangements for Jackson day. When this fact was no longer concealed tonight by the opposition there were many Republicans openly complaining against Senator Hanna's managers. Senator Hanna did not arrive here until last Friday evening, and was in Washington until the holiday recess. He heard complaints about his own absence and about underestimating the organization of the opposition in a very good natured manner and insisted that he would yet win out.

The superior organization of the Democrats was shown in the combine securing today nearly all of the doubtful votes. The opposition has had an army of workers here for a week with detachments kept close to each one of the doubtful Republicans. The opposition marched to the state house in line like troops, and worked for weeks like soldiers under orders. They had been doing picket duty, skirmishing and walking guard lines, and they had their triumphal march in the most unusual manner because of confidence in their organization. The wives and daughters of the combination secured seats in advance in the legislative halls awaiting the arrival of the Hanna hosts and the most elaborate decorations were on hand.

The feeling of the Republican members who voted for their caucus nominee is openly expressed against Governor Bushnell more than against Kurtz or other Republicans who combined with the Democrats.

The *State Journal*, the Republican organ of Ohio, prints a large picture of the governor, with heavy black borders. Some Republican clubs have canceled their engagement of quarters here for the inauguration exercises next Monday and many protests are being received at the state house.

Colonel T. W. Moore of Marietta, another appointee of Governor Bushnell, today resigned as trustee of the State Insane Asylum at Athens.

The feeling of revenge was shown even in the routine legislative proceedings. Representative Bramley of Cleveland introduced a bill to repeal the fifty year franchise law for street railways, in which Senator Hanna is largely interested. Bramley is a contractor who had large contracts under the municipal administration of Mayor McKisson and other members from Cleveland who are supporting Hanna are said to have measures ready for charges and investigations at Cleveland that would affect Bramley.

Representative Jones of Stark county, a Republican who is opposing Hanna, has been frequently reminded that the county convention that nominated him adopted a strong resolution instructing him to support Hanna. Mr. Jones was chairman of the committee on resolutions in that county convention and declared himself for Hanna. Today Mr. Jones offered a very strong Cuban resolution that is in conflict with Senator Hanna's vote on the Cuban question in the senate. Representative Scott of Fulton county, who voted with the "combine" today and who is opposing Senator Hanna's re-election, was also instructed by resolution at the county convention that nominated him.

Both sides are spending the night in close conferences. All the changes that are being sought are anticipated from representatives. It is conceded that Senator Burke, one of the Republican senators from Cleveland who has not yet appeared, will be here to vote against Hanna. His attorney today presented his certificate of election to Lieutenant Governor Jones just before the senate convened.

The senate will cast 17 votes for Hanna and 19 against him. If Hanna is not stronger in the house than the Boxwell ticket was today when Boxwell received 53 votes and Mason 56 for speaker then Senator Hanna would have only 70 votes on joint ballot, and 73 are necessary to election. Notwithstanding the result in the organization in both houses, both sides seem equally confident in claiming the senatorship on joint ballot.

CLEVELAND, January 3.—The president and secretary of the Tippecanoe Club, the big central Republican organization of the city today, sent the following telegram to Senator Burke and Representatives Mason and Bramley, the three bolting Republicans from this county:

"The officers of the Tippecanoe Club express for themselves and the Republicans generally throughout the city disapproval at your action in not standing by the instructions of the county and state conventions. The members of the club are very indignant."

A telegram was also sent to Governor Bushnell, expressing disappointment at his position in the senatorial contest. A meeting of the club has been called to protest against the action of Burke, Bramley and Mason.

Two members of the committee of the club to arrange for a special train to Governor Bushnell's inauguration have resigned and the trip will be abandoned, it is said.

CINCINNATI, January 3.—An afternoon paper prints the following special from Dayton, Ohio: Dayton's entire delegation to the Bushnell inauguration has refused to go to the ceremonies on account of the governor's attitude in the senatorial fight. This includes the uniformed bodies and the political clubs. President Archibald of the Blaine Club, Cincinnati said that the Blaine Club would attend the inauguration, no matter what other clubs do.

CARMAN ACQUITTED.

The Charge of Fraudulent Land Sales Falls Flat.

CHICAGO, January 3.—D. W. Carman of San Francisco, who was charged by William Binns of this city and a number of others with obtaining money by false pretenses, was discharged by Justice Martin when the case was called for trial today. The charges against Carman fell flat and he was not called upon to introduce any witnesses, the Judge discharging him after hearing the statement of the prosecution. Carman was charged by Binns and others with selling them land in California that was worthless. After discharging the defendant the Judge announced that he would hear no more of the cases as in his opinion there was no cause for action.

His Last Christmas.

SAN JOSE, January 3.—G. A. Gillette died suddenly at 5 o'clock this morning and under such circumstances as to cause the coroner to investigate. An autopsy showed that death was due to organic disease of the heart. Gillette has been employed as a bookkeeper by a commercial publication in San Francisco. His family consisting of a wife and five children reside here. He had been drinking a good deal and came home under the influence of liquor yesterday. He was bloody and had cuts on his head and face, which he said he received in a fight with a printer in San Francisco. He went to bed and about 3 o'clock this morning was found in an unconscious condition. He died before a hastily called physician could arrive. An inquest will be held.

Cotton Mills Cut Wages.

WORCESTER, Mass., January 3.—Reductions in wages took place in several Worcester county factories today, cotton mills predominating. At the Millbury cotton mills a cut of between 7 and 8 per cent took effect. At the Fiskdale mills, Sturbridge, a reduction about the same in range as the wage reductions adopted by the cotton mills in Fall River went into force. About seventy-five men employed in the bottoming department of the E. & A. H. Batchelor shoe factory at North Brookfield had their wages cut from 1 to 2 cents a case.

WHEAT DROPS OFF

Little Present Inclination to Purchase.

Heavy Clearances From Atlantic Ports Form the Most Encouraging Element.

CHICAGO, January 3.—Wheat started easier and at lower prices, May at 92c, which showed ⅜ cents decline since Friday. Liverpool showed ½c decline to begin with and northwest receipts did not by any means suggest an immediate falling off in volume. These were the features in the early news which apparently created a desire to sell at the start and also extinguished for the time being any inclination to buy.

In the first thirty minutes trading May declined to 91⅝c. Trading at the best was rather slow. Chicago receipts were liberal. About the only distinctly bullish item in the day's statistical news was the clearances from Atlantic ports, their amount being equal in wheat and flour to 861,000 bushels.

The announcement of these figures injected a little firmness into the dropping market and May wheat in the meantime had dropped to 91c, reaching that figure about 12 o'clock, recovering slowly to 91½ cents. It declined again to 91⅛c, but in the last few minutes trading rented again to 91⅛ to ⅜, where it closed.

Corn was heavy at the start and became still weaker as the session progressed, closing practically at bottom prices, with a loss of ⅝c.

Oats were weak all day, May closing ⅛c to ¼c lower. Provisions were active, strong and higher. The market closed strong, May pork 10 cents higher; May lard 7½ cents higher and May ribs 6 cents higher.

DIED TOGETHER

Romantic End of Two Young Lovers.

Indications That the Girl Shot Her Sweetheart and Then Herself.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., January 3.—At Monroeville today the dead bodies of Miss Viola Marquan, aged 23, daughter of a wealthy farmer, and Michael Miller, aged 26, a saloonkeeper, were found lying in a room in the rear of Miller's saloon. Miller lay in the bed at the side of the room. Blood from a bullet wound in his right temple covered the bed clothing.

Viola lay in a heap in the middle of the floor shot to death in the same place. A revolver with two chambers empty lay near her right hand. Both bodies were in street dress. Two letters, one purporting to be from Viola and the other from young Miller, were found. It was the declaration that they wanted to die together and be buried together.

The coroner says it would have been impossible to move after delivering the fatal shot. The letters tend to prove a double suicide, but the revolver by the girl's hand cannot be accounted for, except by the theory that she died after her lover.

A Bad Investment.

ASPEN, Colo., January 3.—D. R. C. Brown has suspended operations in the Free Silver mine after over three years of continuous operation and the expenditure of $300,000 without the return of a cent. Some 5000 feet of prospect work has been done on the contract at a depth of 1200 feet without finding ore.

BIG BLAZE IN STOCKTON

Over 10,000 Tons of Wheat Destroyed.

Two Warehouses Completely Gutted.

The Loss Will Exceed $500,000—The Wheat Stored by Valley Farmers.

STOCKTON, January 4.—At 12.10 this morning fire was discovered in warehouse No. 5 of the Farmers' Union and Milling Company and before the department could respond the flames were beyond possible control, despite that the warehouse district has much better protection than it had a year ago.

Warehouses 5 and 6 were quickly on fire and as they both had corrugated iron roofs the firemen were not able to put a drop of water on the flames until the roofs dropped and then the structures were gone.

As soon as it was seen that neither warehouse could be saved the attention of the department was turned to saving the warehouse of the Navigation and Improvement Company, which was separated from No. 6 only by a fire wall and the Eureka or Crown mills warehouse, which had only the same protection from No. 5.

Streams were withdrawn from the central portion of the doomed structures and set at work on the ends with some effect, and by continuous fighting against the iron sides and roofs of the burning buildings, which helped to shut them off, the firemen were successful.

The warehouses were well filled with grain, for both the Union and its clients have been among those who were waiting for the price of wheat to advance. The lowest estimate on the amount of wheat destroyed is 10,000 tons, and many put it higher. There was beside considerable barley and rye. Much of the grain was the property of the Union, but by far the larger portion was held on storage for the farmers of the valley.

The loss is placed at more than $500,000, though the territory covered by the fire was not large. The loss on the warehouses will be heavy, though both buildings and the grain were insured.

Loose County Methods.

SALINAS, January 1.—A grand jury created a sensation here last evening by bringing in an additional indictment against ex-Tax Collector C. L. Westlake, charging him with a shortage of $8,937.41 on the assessment roll of 1896-97. He has already been indicted on five counts for alleged shortages in the license department, on one of which he was acquitted after trial. Judge Dorn has issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Westlake and fixed his bail bonds at $10,000. He is now in custody on the former charges, not having been able to furnish bail.

Bryan for Congress.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 3.—Hon. William J. Bryan will arrive in Lincoln at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening, two days later than originally scheduled. Unless the present program is changed Mr. Bryan will almost step from the train to the banquet hall, the Bryan Traveling Men's Club having arranged a dinner in his honor. It is believed he will utilize this occasion to partially declare his future intentions, more especially the rumor connecting him with the Democratic nomination for congress in this district next fall. The report is generally discredited at his home, though admittedly interesting.

Preparing for the Rush.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—The Pacific Steamship Whaling Company has been awarded the contract for carrying the United States mails from Dyea to Unalaska. The steamer Excelsior will be put on the route and will run at regular intervals during the spring and summer. The whaling company also intends increasing its steamers from cities between here, Copper River and Skagway, and intends if possible getting its full share of the Klondyke travel.

Returns to Private Life.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—Among those admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States today was Hon. William R. Morrison who has been for so many years chairman of the interstate commerce commission and now resumes practice of the law, his term of office having expired.

Swallowed Carbolic Acid.

LOS ANGELES, January 3.—The wife of Charles Harris, an employe of the Hub clothing store, committed suicide today by taking carbolic acid. Two weeks ago she attempted the same thing but was prevented by her husband. She seemed to have developed a suicidal mania. She was 26 years old.

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at Webster Bros.' drug store.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at Webster Bros.' drug store.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN

Tells What is Doing in Politics.

Novel Combination on the District Attorneyship.

Thrilling Experience of Two Hunters—Disadvantage of Being Too Careful.

The coming county campaign is going to be a very lively one. Shut out from the public crib for six long years, the Democrats have developed an appetite for office that is griping them terribly, and nothing will allay the torture but the acquisition of every office in the county. It is for this reason that the Democratic leaders care little to enter into any combination with the Populists that will require a fair division of the offices. They are willing for the Populists to take off their coats and work for Democratic success, but, like Ruskin, they believe that all good work should be done for nothing (by others) and that the Populists should be satisfied with the consciousness of duty well performed. Of course the Democrats express this sentiment in more diplomatic language, but it amounts to the same thing. There are Democrats, to be sure, who still believe in fusion, but they do not comprise the controlling element; nevertheless they may be depended upon to attempt to convert their fellow partisans to their way of thinking. The task appears to be a hopeless one, however.

As for the Populists, they seem to be thoroughly divided on the question of fusion. While those who favor acting with the Democrats are believed to be the more numerous element, the opponents of that policy are the more determined, and it is said that the party organization shares the views of the latter on this question. The truth is that the People's party in Fresno county is in a rather bad way and there are Democrats who believe that it is upon the verge of disorganization. However that may be, it is generally known that the radical element has recently formed a separate organization (Fresno Socialist Club) with the view of conducting a systematic propaganda, and by many this division is regarded as a permanent one. But a better idea may be formed of the situation in the People's party after the meeting of the executive committee this afternoon. The character of the attendance and the action taken will reveal whether the party in this county is moribund, as some Democrats assert, or whether it still has vitality.

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A number of Democrats have already come forward as candidates for office. Three of the most prominent members of the party are candidates for sheriff. They are Nick Justy, J. D. Collins and L. O. Stephens. Each of these gentlemen possesses many supporters and the fight for the nomination promises to be a most interesting one. Justy has a strong following in Fresno and "the boys" would be delighted if he got the nomination. Collins has a big following in the country, and Stephens is solid with the conservative city Democrats. The candidates on the Republican side are Deputy Sheriff P. F. Peck and Constable William Shaw. Dr. Long has been mentioned in connection with the People's Party nomination.

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A scheme of Machiavellian cunning has been hatched by Attorney E. S. Van Meter and Raleigh E. Rhodes to capture the district attorneyship, it is said. Their alliance is a defensive, offensive and comprehensive one, and if they fail they will be the most surprised candidates in Fresno county. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Van Meter are law partners as well as partners in politics, and they have come to the conclusion that it would be a good thing if they could keep the nomination for district attorney in the firm. With that end in view, therefore, Van Meter will try for the nomination in case the Populists and Democrats fuse; but if there is no fusion Rhodes will attempt to secure the Democratic nomination. If either succeeds and is elected the tender friendship existing between them will insure to the other the place of chief deputy. What Jim Burns of Selma, who would like to be the Democratic nominee, thinks of the plan of Damon Van Meter and Pythias Rhodes is not yet known, but Jim will undoubtedly be heard from later.

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J. W. Ferguson, editor of the *Watchman*, has been mentioned often of late in connection with the Democratic nomination for county treasurer. No other candidate has appeared for this office, and if "Ferg" really wants the nomination the chances are that he will get it; though he will have to count upon the opposition of the *Expositor*. "Ferg" is an old-timer, and has a host of friends throughout the county who will rally to his support in case he decides to send out the crantara.

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Among other candidates are Rube Harrell, who would like the Democratic nomination for county recorder; while G. W. Cartwright is said to be hankering after the nomination for state senator, in case of fusion. Jim Ward is desirous of succeeding himself as supervisor from the Third, and will have the *Expositor's* support for the Democratic nomination against all aspirants—that is, if he continues to be good to the evening paper. Jim is risking a good deal in accepting the *Expositor's* friendship, but the little supervisor has lots of sand. By the way, there has been some foolish talk of late that Ward is entitled to serve a full term. The people who entertain this absurd notion should read the law bearing on the matter.

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A pretty good joke is told on Attorney W. P. Thompson. Recently he fell from a box while engaged in some work about the house and severely injured his ankle. He rummaged around in a cupboard and finally found a bottle of liniment, as he supposed. The attorney applied the stuff to his swollen limb twice a day regularly, but noticed no improvement. Finally the "liniment" gave out and Mr. Thompson, seeing the name of Baker & Colson blown on the bottle, sent it to that firm to have the prescription refilled. What was his surprise and disgust when his messenger returned with the information that he had been using on his sore ankle a famous cough preparation put up by that firm.

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There's such a thing as trying to make too sure; at least a certain comely grass widow of this city is of that opinion. Her husband deserted her a number of years ago—in fact, so many years ago that she was entitled to consider him dead and to marry again. Recently her thoughts turned to love and hymen, and the question having been popped and caught on the fly she decided to consult a lawyer about her case. She told him that while she was entitled to remarry without obtaining a formal separation, she deemed it best to "make sure," and asked him what he thought of the proposition to sue for a divorce. The man of law expressed the opinion that she was a sensible woman and that it was always safe to be be sure one was right before going ahead. The result of the conference was that the lawyer was instructed to begin divorce proceedings at once. He did so, obtained the divorce without trouble, and now—well, now it has dawned upon both widow and lawyer that while she was before entitled to remarry as soon as she wanted to, now, having been regularly divorced, she must wait a whole year before she may enjoy the sweets of matrimony, that being a requirement of the new law passed by the last legislature. Therefore, I say that there is such a thing as making too sure.

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George H. Monroe and Louis Heilbron had a startling experience on the West Side recently while on a hunting trip. Monroe, as a consequence of the fright he experienced, has seventeen gray hairs in his beautiful light brown mustache, while Heilbron's teeth are still loose. One evening they camped in a "dry slough" near Summit Lake. After feasting on duck and and sampling the anti-malaria "dope" they crawled into their wagon, said their prayers and went to sleep. Some hours afterward they were awakened by a roaring noise. They looked out and to their horror saw a wall of water approaching them from the lake. It seemed as high as a tidal wave and roared and hissed as it swept towards them. They jumped out of the wagon, but the water was already upon them and that part of their outfit they had left on the ground showed a decided inclination to "join the procession." They managed to save most of the articles, hurriedly hitched up and made for some Ararat in the Coast Range mountains. The cause of this sudden inundation was a rise of four feet in the Kings river a day or two before, brought about by a heavy shower in the mountains. The hunters had quite a scare, but were really in no danger, the water not reaching much above their waists.

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An elderly capitalist, who has been brought into some prominence by reason of his domestic troubles, sought surcease from sorrow in the cup that cheers the other day. After he had driven away dull care from his mind and banished steadiness from his legs he started to go home. On the way he stepped into a grocery store to make a purchase. While there he lost his balance and fell backward into a basket of eggs. When he arose his coat tail presented a sight that reminded one of an impressionist sunset, but the proprietor was not in a mood to admire works of art and he demanded payment for his broken eggs. That misfortunes never come singly is proved by the fact that there were six dozen eggs in the basket.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

JUDGE ALBRECHT

Fowler Citizens Petition to Oust Him.

The Objection is That He Does Not Reside in His Bailiwick.

Some of the residents of Fowler are attempting to have A. Albrecht ousted from the office of justice of the peace at that place. A petition is being circulated in the town and will probably be presented to the Board of Supervisors at its present session.

The objection advanced to Judge Albrecht is that he is not a resident of his bailiwick. Instead of having his home in Fowler and being able at all times to hold court there, he is living in this city and is engaged in business here.

The petition to the supervisors has received quite a large number of signatures. There appears to be no other complaint than that he is a non-resident. No one questions his competency to fill the position.

Mr. Albrecht removed to Fresno a few months ago, announcing that his residence here was only temporary and that he would retain the office of justice at Fowler. But his business keeps him in the county seat most of the time, and J. D. Galloway of Oleander, who is a justice in the same township, has been attending to the greater part of the Fowler business.

The movement to have Justice Albrecht removed was started only a few days ago. W. R. Shannon has been mentioned as a suitable man to succeed him, but the petition does not set forth any preference on the part of the signers.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

Preparing For the Election Next Fall.

The Democratic county central committee met Tuesday afternoon. Attorney G. B. Graham advised the committee in regard to the election laws. The committeemen came to the conclusion that it was not necessary to secure signatures of three per cent of the voters in order to secure recognition.

J. M. Collier was elected secretary to fill the vacancy caused by Oscar Johnson's absence in Washington.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing W. W. Phillips to fill the vacancy on the board of railroad commissioners.

Delegates to the county convention will elect delegates to the state and district conventions and it was decided to embrace this in the petition to the supervisors. Delegates to the state convention will be selected on the basis of two from each supervisor's district and the remainder at large

The committee decided to use blue tickets at the primary election.

The committee will meet again on next Wednesday afternoon at W. D. Foote's office in the Donahoe-Emmons building.

Report of the Grand Jury.

From the Selma Enterprise.

The report of the grand jury was made too late last week to receive more than a passing notice. As a direct refutation of the charges of the *Expositor* against the county officers it is an interesting document. It should be read in its entirety by every citizen. We do not agree with the conclusions and recommendation of the grand jury, however, in regard to the horticultural commission. We believe the abolition of the commission would result disastrously for the horticultural interests of the county. It might be possible to reduce the expense of the work, but certain it is that its suspension would cost the county many times the two or three thousand dollars, the expenditure of which was depreciated. The grand jury found nothing in any of the charges brought before it for examination to justify the finding of an indictment. This is a good showing for the county at large.

Examination Postponed.

The preliminary examination of G. A. and E. L. Arnold, on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder, was postponed by Justice Austin until January 10th. N. L. Palmer is the complaining witness. All the parties to the case, it will be remembered, live in Huron.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddell's, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. Dr. O. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

ONLY ONE PASSED

Result of the Primary Grade Examination.

Marking of Grammar Grade Papers to be Finished Today. Some Answers.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Of the sixteen applicants for primary grade certificates who took the teachers' examination last week only one was successful.

Fifteen candidates found the questions submitted by the County Board of Education too difficult. A few of them are complaining, but it appears that there is very little ground for objection to the manner in which the board conducted the examination. A perusal of some of the papers handed in would decide anyone to encourage the efforts of the county board to maintain a fair standard of ability on the part of teachers.

The one successful applicant was Mrs. Laura Ray, wife of Professor S. S. Ray, a teacher in the Selma high school. After finishing the primary grade she took the grammar grade examination.

The grammar grade was concluded yesterday, but the marking of the papers will not be finished till this evening, and not until then will it be known who the successful ones are.

W. H. Baker and S. S. Ray passed the high school examination successfully. Mr. Baker is a teacher in the Fresno high school and Mr. Ray in the Selma union. Both had been given temporary certificates by Superintendent Kirk, pending the examination.

The following were some answers given to questions in the primary grade: A rule for punctuation: "There should be a general sprinkling of commas, colons, semi-colons, dashes and periods."

The word lapidary was defined by one who would like to teach, as a "beehive."

Another applicant said that the "present writers of today are George Eliot, Longfellow, Eugene Field, Lord Byron, Henry Ward Beecher." America's best living poets, one bright young lady said, are Longfellow, Joaquin Miller and A. J. Waterhouse.

Another miss wrote in answer to a question that "the purity of thought and expression and the extensive vocabulary which Shakespeare uses in his plays are commendable features which warrant their introduction into public school courses."

LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEET.

Routine Business Transacted and New Books Ordered.

The board of trustees of the public library met last evening in the office of the library building. The following members were present: F. E. Cook, H. Z. Austin, J. Q. Anderson and M. D. Pierce.

The report of the librarian for the month of December was received and was as follows: Cash on hand January 1st, $16.48; books loaned for home reading, 2382; books loaned for library reading, 245; new members, 43; renewals, 4.

The following new books were ordered: "Following the Equator," "Puddin' Head Wilson," "Jerome, a Poor Man," "Lochinvar," "California Wild Flowers."

The following books were ordered to replace volumes worn out or destroyed: "St. Elmo," "Inez," "Beulah," "At the Mercy of the Tiberia," "Macaria," "Infelice," by Augusta J. Evans; "Nashti," "Little Women," "Little Men," "Old Fashioned Girl," "Jack and Jill," "Eight Cousins," "Rose in Bloom," "Under the Lilacs," "Jo's Boys," by Louisa M. Alcott.

THE POULTRY MEN

Meeting of the Association Last Evening.

Proposition to Establish a Journal in the Interest of Chicken Fanciers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fresno County Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in the city hall last evening. The following members were present: Dr. S. L. Chapman, A. D. Ewing, Willie Wainwright, J. B. Ure, J. T. Zeigler, R. J. Venn, W. L. Kennedy, B. Wallis, F. B. Mather, J. A. Frazer, Charles Eckard and B. C. Combs. The last three named were admitted to membership last evening.

Owing to the absence of the president, G. H. Glassford, Dr. S. L. Chapman occupied the chair.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of $62.18 after all bills incidental to the poultry show had been paid.

A communication was read from A. C. Wrenn of Madera stating his earnest desire to start a poultry journal in Fresno. He seemed to think that Fresno offered a great field for a journal devoted to the hen and her product, but the members of the association were not enthusiastic over the proposition.

Dr. S. L. Chapman said that he would be pleased to see a poultry journal started in this city. He wanted Fresno to become the most important poultry center in the state, and said that this could not be accomplished without the assistance of such a journal.

A. D. Ewing thought that the times were not favorable for the launching of a poultry fanciers' journal. The fanciers were too few and far apart in the San Joaquin valley to afford such a paper sufficient support to make it a success.

F. B. Mather said that he did not think Mr. Wrenn could make a success of the project. He was a friend of the gentleman and did not wish to see him embark in an undertaking that might result in failure.

The secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Wrenn that the association would be pleased to have him attend the next regular meeting and explain his ideas upon the project. It was suggested that perhaps the gentleman had a big bank account and wanted to run the paper for the fun of it. In that case the members present thought it would be a good idea to encourage him in the undertaking.

WENT GUNNING FOR CHINESE.

Frank Baffer Tried to be a Bad Man.

Late Monday night Frank Baffer, an Italian under the influence of liquor, was arrested in Chinatown by Policeman Henry Russell. Baffer had a shotgun and was hunting for two Chinamen whom he claimed had met him earlier in the evening and robbed him of $5. It was evident that the man was temporarily unbalanced and the policeman took him to the jail for safe keeping during the night.

Yesterday a charge of disturbing the peace was placed against the man, as he had recovered from the effects of his debauch on the night previous. Recorder Clark allowed Baffer to plead guilty and fined him $15.

FRANK CHANCE TRAINING.

Preparing for His Eastern Engagement the Present Season.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Catcher Frank Chance is getting into good shape physically in preparation for his engagement with the Chicago baseball team the present season. He trains every day with the purpose of developing himself for strength and endurance, and is one of the most perfectly developed athletes in the state.

Frank says that he proposes to make a great effort to win a national reputation as a catcher second to none. He will leave for Chicago next month, and a large number of people in Fresno will watch his career with interest. His friends have reason to believe that he will turn out one of the best catchers ever produced, and are proud of the fact that he hails from the raisin center.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Railroad Company Will Transport Exhibits Free of Charge.

The Southern Pacific Company has made the following announcement:

"The Golden Jubilee Mining Fair will be held at San Francisco January 24th to March 1st, 1898, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of gold in California.

"The company will transport free of charge to San Francisco, when consigned to the Golden Jubilee Mining Fair from points on its Pacific system, all shipments of freight when for exhibition only and of no commercial value, or if valuable not for sale. Any consignments disposed of commercially, or to be disposed of, are not entitled to this free transportation, but will be taken at regular published rates."

A.O.U.W. INSTALLATION.

Martha Lodge and Sanger Lodge, A.O.U.W., in Attendance.

Yosemite lodge, No. 171, A.O.U.W., met last evening and installed officers. There was a large attendance of members, besides ladies of Martha lodge, No. 39, Degree of Honor, A.O.U.W. A number of members of the order from Sanger was also in attendance.

District Deputy J. M. Collins conducted the ceremonies, and the following were the officers installed: J. H. House, P.M.W.; J. H. Tynan, M.W.; O. T. McSharrb, F.; A. E. Rilter, O.; F. Holland, G.; O. W. Mennett, I.W.; A. Eastabrooks, O.W. The officers whose term did not expire with the last election were: J. M. Collins, recorder; J. W. Ruddick, financier; L. Hase, receiver.

After the installation an hour was passed in social pleasures. Refreshments were served.

The following from Sanger lodge, A. O.U.W., were present: B. F. Tackaberry, M.W.; L. W. Hohler, P. M.W.; G. H. Coqueugnot, R.; George Hyde, G.; Robert Perry, I.G.; Ted Stacks, receiver; J. A. Brittan, O.; James Williams, E. Bradford, R. Vaughn and J. S. Pollett.

THE SUPERVISORS

C. P. Walton Appointed a Justice at Sanger.

A Report From Superintendent Jewell of the County Poor Farm

The Board of Supervisors was in session yesterday, but no business of importance was transacted. All the members were present and J. H. Sayre presided. Some indigent cases came up during the day and a number of the applicants for aid were given orders for groceries.

On motion of Garrett, seconded by Manly, Mrs. Mary Fries was allowed $12 a month for the support of six half-orphan children, ranging in ages from 1½ years to 15.

The petition of J. C. Pottle and others for the appointment of C. P. Walton as justice of the peace at Sanger, Seventh township, was read and on motion of Ward granted.

The application of Fenton Brothers of Reedley for a retail liquor license was read and laid over for one month.

S. O. St. John, justice of the peace, was allowed to purchase one civil docket, one criminal docket and a diary.

The board received the resignation of F. O. Ballou as a member of the board of directors of the Huron Irrigation district.

Eugene R. Smith, superintendent of construction, filed a certificate setting forth that the Lemoore bridge across Kings river had been finished. The supervisors will decide today when they will make the trip to the bridge and inspect it before accepting it.

G. O. Jewell, superintendent of the county poor farm, filed the following detailed report for the first half of the fiscal year, ending December 1, 1897:

Receipts—Pasturage, $402.71; hogs sold, $95.31; cows sold, $67.50; horses sold, $62; calves sold, $7.50; due on stock for pasturage, $90.08; total, $726.10. Eggs to county hospital, 458 dozen at 15 cents, $68.70; chickens supplied to hospital, 146 at $4 a dozen, $48.35; milk to hospital, 4296 gallons at 12½ cents, $536.90; total, $653.95.

The total proceeds from the farm were $1380.05. Of this amount $449.24 in cash was paid into the county treasury, and the amount on hand December 1st was $119.75.

Expenses—Salary of superintendent, $300; extra help, $66.25; feed, $53.77; hay, $54.60; hardware, oil, etc., $35.15; repairing wagons and machinery, $47.60; horseshoeing, $10.50; garden seed, etc., $4.20; lumber, $13.83; total, $585.89.

C. P. Walton, who was appointed a justice at Sanger to succeed Judge A. H. Cummings, who died recently, is the collector of the Selma Irrigation District. Some years ago he served as a constable in Fresno.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

By Fresno and Friendship Lodges, I. O. O. F., Monday Night.

On Monday evening Fresno Lodge No. 186, I. O. O. F., installed the recently elected officers. The installing officers were Thomas C. Chapman, G. G.; J. F. Hamilton, W.; Cal Ewing, G. T.; John Johnson, G. S., and the following were installed: Noble grand, S. L. Pratt; vice grand, E. W. Lindsay; secretary, E. M. Bishop; treasurer, H. Graff; warden, E. B. Loper; conductor, F. Montague; O. G., W. B. Hall; I. G., F. Whitney; R. S. N. G., Hiram Ford; L. S. N. G., A. Munger; R. S. V. G., W. Urmey; L. S. V. G., Fred Fanning; R. S. S., F. W. Hansen, and L. S. S., H. Ray.

Friendship Lodge, Degree of Rebekah, also installed officers, and Mrs. Drow, D. G. M. of Sanger, conducted the ceremonies. The following were the officers: P. N. G., Miss Lizzie Cronkhite; N. G. Mrs. Lillie Scott; V. G., Mrs. Julia Elder; secretary, Miss Eva Gilmore; financial secretary, Gustav Naher; treasurer, Genevieve Swain; chaplain, Mrs. D. Decker; warden, Miss Brooke; Cond., Mrs. George Matheson; R. S. S., Mrs. Pickford; L. S. S., Mrs. Anderson; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Jay Scott; L. S. N. G., Miss Leah Hemphill; R. S. V. G., Miss Adeline Tiffany; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Ella Rose.

Both lodges united in a social after the installations.

THE SUPERVISORS

John S. Dore Confers With Lew Rose.

Populists Sore Because of Manly's Action.

A Strange Case of Destitution Considered by the Board. Other Matters.

From Thursday's Daily.

The Board of Supervisors had another uneventful session yesterday, most of the time being consumed in passing on bills. The application of an indigent for assistance was the only interesting incident of the proceedings.

John S. Dore, the Populist leader, came in during the day, although he had no business before the board. He was looking for Lew Rose, and after finding him the two had a long conference in the clerk's office. Rose was still indignant because Supervisor Manly, his former friend and fellow Populist, had stood in with the Democratic members of the board and ousted him from the position of courthouse janitor. Mr. Dore tried to console him as best he could, and agreed with him that he had been treated very shabbily by Mr. Manly. The hopes of the party to establish a record through its representative on the county board has been blasted. Had the supervisor not made any promise his treatment of Rose would not have been so reprehensible, but inasmuch as Mr. Manly had given his word to support Rose for janitor during 1898, the supervisor's action deserved reprobation.

Even though there is need for only one janitor and no assistant, it was agreed that Mr. Manly should have kept his word with Rose and given him the job instead of Corlew.

Mr. Dore has the interests of the Populist party at heart and he regretted very much the present attitude of Mr. Manly. Nor is Mr. Dore the only Populist leader who feels that the supervisor's action was in violation of both party and personal obligations.

When the board convened yesterday morning Supervisor Ward made a motion to dispense with the services of the helper at the county farm. The motion was seconded by Rose and passed unanimously.

The report for December of Dr. J. D. Davidson, the county physician, was received. The number of patients in the hospital last month was 128; admitted during the month, 64; born, 0; died, 6; discharged, 58; total number of patients in hospital during December, 192; number of patients still in charge, 128. The following was the mortality list of the hospital: W. W. Treadwell, age 47 years, native of New York, cause consumption; O. U. Smith, 25, Tennessee, congestion of the lungs; R. Makagaawy, 28, Japan, pneumonia; Eli Lunordich, 52, Austria, pneumonia; Pete Gras, 21 months, Russia, tubercular abscess; M. A. Lindrose, 51, Norway, cancer of the stomach.

Applications were received from the following for liquor licenses: Mrs. T. Soracco of Huron, O. O. Oliver of Kings river, J. Bernal of Firebaugh and P. Halfen of Calma station. The petitions were granted.

On motion of Ward, seconded by Rose, a committee consisting of Rose, Garrett and Manly was appointed to proceed to and inspect the Kings river and Zalda canal bridges and report thereon on January 7th.

A communication was received from Secretary J. A. Filcher of the State Board of Trade in regard to the establishment of an exhibit in the ferry depot building at San Francisco. On motion of Garrett, seconded by Rose, the sum of $15 a month was appropriated from the general fund for maintaining a Fresno county display.

A woman who gave her name as Mrs. Jeffres came before the board to ask assistance, and as Chairman Sayre said, it was one of the "hardest cases" that has ever been called to the attention of the supervisors. A horse trader who is encamped near the railroad southeast of town brought her before the board and explained that he had found her with two children, camped near where he was stopping, in a destitute condition.

Mrs. Jeffres was attired in a wrapper that looked much the worse for wear and dirt. She was a healthy looking woman of about 40 years, but was not at all prepossessing. In response to questions by Chairman Sayre she said that she came from Missouri with a family named Howard. They traveled overland to Portland, Or., and not finding the opportunities what they had expected on this coast they decided to return to their native state by way of California and the south.

When Fresno was reached the Howards refused to take Mrs. Jeffres with them any further because of her two children, to whom they objected. They were willing to take the mother with them back to Missouri, but they insisted that she should dispose of the children by finding some one to care for them. This Mrs. Jeffres refused to do and the Howards then unloaded her effects from the wagon and left her by the roadside without any shelter and only a small quantity of food.

That was on Monday and yesterday the horse trader came along and urged her to go before the Board of Supervisors with him to get county aid. Mrs. Jeffres had moved into an enclosure of tin near the road, but it afforded slight protection. The children are aged 3 and 6 years respectively.

The woman explained that her husband died in Missouri about two years ago. She has grown children in the East, but none of them are in a condition to assist her. When asked what she thought the board ought to do for her she answered that she would like to have help to get back to Missouri. When Chairman Sayre suggested that she place the children in the county orphanage and that she go to work and earn money with which to pay railroad fare to Missouri, Mrs. Jeffres replied pointedly that she would not do that. She said she would walk to Missouri with the children in preference to adopting Sayre's suggestion. The board was not inclined to assist her upon her terms and Mrs. Jeffres then walked out of the room.

SECURED TWO PISTOLS.

A Burglar Entered A. D. Crow's House Last Evening.

The house occupied by A. D. Crow, the poundmaster, who lives in the west part of town, was entered last evening between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock. The lock on the front door was broken and the thief secured two pistols and some bad clothing.

The poundmaster immediately notified the police and also went in search of the burglar himself. He was armed with a double-barrel shotgun and was in a position to enforce a demand for his property in case he discovered the miscreant.

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. Dr. O. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

RECOVERED HIS BIKE.

Lewis H. Smith's Wheel Was Stolen and Left in a Shed.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Sunday evening a bicycle belonging to City Attorney Lewis H. Smith was stolen from a hallway in the Fresno National bank building. The bicycle was discovered Monday in a shed in the south part of town and returned to Mr. Smith.

The parties living in the house were interviewed by the officers yesterday in regard to the manner in which the wheel came into their possession. They claimed that the bicycle was left in the shed by some unknown person and that Monday an effort was made to find the owner. That the parties had made inquiries in search of the owner was proved beyond doubt.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE RISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1.

Insolvency of J. A. Roberts; further hearing held and case taken under advisement.

Raffaeli Vescio et al. vs. Carmino Distefano et al.; hearing of motion to strike out and make complaint definite continued till January 10th at 9 a. m.

P. M. Akasbi vs. A. Gartenlaub; cause tried and taken under advisement.

BEFORE JUDGE WEBB, DEPARTMENT 2.

O. J. Woodward vs. Sarah Ann Hoag et al.; judgment of foreclosure awarded plaintiff for $1138.65.

SITTING IN BANC.

Order for fifty grand jurors and 400 trial jurors for 1898.

Commissioner's Report.

O. Scribner, commissioner appointed to sell the property involved in the foreclosure proceedings of the California Savings and Loan Society against E. C. Osborn et al., has filed his report. The amount realized from the sale was $1350, expenses of commissioner $33.30. The property brought the amount of the judgment and there was no deficiency.

SEEDED RAISINS

What the "Fruit Grower" Says.

Predicts a Big Demand for the Seeded Product in a Few Years.

The *California Fruit Grower* of January 1st contains an excellent write-up of the raisin seeding establishment of the Fresno Home Packing Company, from which we take the following, which will be read with interest by all interested in the industry:

Slowly but surely a radical change is being effected in one of California's most important industries. We refer to the seeding of raisins by machinery. Formerly, to remove the seeds from raisins was the tedious task of the housewife or "nymph of the kitchen," and for this reason alone the raisin, while desired as an addition to the dessert on account of its intrinsic merits, was passed by many for other forms of dessert foods. American ingenuity has changed all this and now the thankful housekeeper can buy raisins minus the seeds, absolutely clean and ready for immediate use, in small sized packages. Samples of seeded raisins have been distributed in Germany, France and England and an export demand is looked for next season. It is predicted that within a few years fully 50 per cent of the California raisin output will go into consumption in the seeded form. The ease with which seeded raisins can be used for making pies, cakes, puddings and other desserts will so increase the demand that the prospect of placing the raisin industry on the same sound basis, for the grower, which it occupied some six years ago, is assured.

This journal's representative examined a number of samples of seeded raisins packed by Chicago and New York firms and the appearance demonstrated the fact that the eastern firms lack the advantage possessed by the Fresno seeders, that of selecting choice fruit for treatment. In buying on the market indiscriminately the eastern buyer takes the standard merchantable stuck, such stock often having second crop berries mixed in, and showing all degrees of curing, while the Fresno seeder has the entire raisin crop and district to select from, and using discrimination and care in selecting only first crop, fully sugared, sun cured muscat raisins, he enjoys a great advantage.

It is only a question of time when this fact will be fully recognized by the trade and California packers will command the seeded raisin market, thus helping to increase the demand for home labor, home manufactured paper material and lithographing work, all of which goes to show how one industry depends in a great measure on others.

A DANCING PARTY.

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Monteagle in Scandinavian Colony.

A dancing party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Monteagle at the Scandinavian colony hall on Monday evening. Songs were sung during the evening by Miss Smith and Messrs. A. Carey and D. Spence, and a splendid supper was served. At the conclusion of the party all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Monteagle, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McDougal, Mr. and Mrs. Wingham Liddell, Mr. and Mrs. George Beveridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Way, Mrs. K. G. Storie, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Dron, Misses Ollie Smith, Jane and Daisy Dron, Iverson, Hodgkin, Burns, Lawson, Bradford, Lindsay, Williamson; Messrs. Burness, Smith, Carey, Balfour, Landale, Hodgkin, Goode, Robb, Turnbull, Lawson, Spence, Lindsay and Daulton.

GUILTY OF CONTEMPT.

S. N. Mitrovich Called an Opposing Witness a Liar.

S. N. Mitrovich, charged with disturbing the peace of S. T. Negotine, was tried in Justice Austin's court yesterday. While Negotine was on the witness stand Mitrovich became very much excited and finally called the witness a liar, enforcing his remarks by vigorously jumping up and down and pounding the table with his fist.

Justice Austin called the irate defendant to order and found him guilty of contempt. The penalty will be fixed at 10 o'clock today. Judgment was also postponed in the case of disturbing the peace.

Paid Both Fines.

H. Hessly, a workman, arrested on Monday night for being drunk and disorderly, was fined $3 by Recorder Clark yesterday. Hessley said that the kangaroo court at the county jail had tried him on the charge of being a capitalist and sentenced him to pay $10 or receive 100 licks with a piece of rubber hose. He paid both fines.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. Dr. O. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

COALINGA ITEMS.

A Disturber Makes Night Hideous. Personal Mention.

Dust is dust in Pleasant Valley.

The erection of oil derricks is the order of the day.

The ball given at the opening of the new hall on Christmas eve was in every way a complete success. Tickets for sixty-five couples were sold.

The human animal that was prowling around the streets a few nights ago making the night hideous with demoniac yells and foul language, ought to be put in a pound until redeemed by his owner.

Mrs. Kinney has been very sick the past week, but is getting better now.

Judge Kilby is tending the postoffice at present.

Mr. Joseph Cooper and family have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Cleary and family, the past week. He returned home yesterday.

Miss Lizzie Colwell of Warthem is visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. I. Taylor of Coalinga.

Everybody in Coalinga (the young ladies excepted) is congratulating Mr. Arthur May on becoming a benedict. Mr. May is one of Coalinga's most enterprising young men, and his choice of a bride proves his judgment to be sound in more ways than one.

Now, Mr. Webb, go thou and do likewise.

Ernest Cleary, who has been attending school at Selma, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cleary.

Mrs. Susan Cox and Mrs. Gertie Lincks went to Fresno today.

George Nicholson of Madera has returned to take up his school again at Wartham.

Mr. Balch of Lewis Creek came in from Fresno today. MORE ANON.

Coalinga, January 3, 1898.

What is Fresno Doing?

Something is being done in many portions of the state looking to the raising of money to complete the fund of $10,000 to be used in advertising California cured fruits in the European markets, observes the *Fruit Grower*. This is well, the paper adds, but the fact remains, however, that not half the energy, nor half the results are materializing which the cause justifies.

A Pleasant Party.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wells gave a New Year's party at their home on Olive avenue in honor of their foster son, Claude T. Walker. The entertainment consisted of games and dancing and refreshments were served. The following were present: Effie Tipton, May Tipton, Mae Lowry, Edith Rayner, Lizzie Garrette, Amanda Hamilton, Bertha Whittman, Lolo Whittman and Bertha Hutchins; Messrs. Luther Tipton, Herbert Batram, Bernhart Newman, Harold Newman, Mat Hamilton, Andrew Miller, Fred Tracy, Fred Donleavy, Ed Wilkinson, Charlie Wilkinson, Paul Wilson, Guy Wofford, A. McNelly and Claude Walker.

MADERA NEWS

The Town Suffering From a Plague of Dogs.

Grand Jury Prodded the Poundmaster—Merton V. Dutcher Gets a Divorce.

Thomas E. Hughes of Fresno was in Madera today looking after business matters.

Attorney L. L. Cory spent this afternoon in the county seat looking after the interests of his client, O. J. Woodward, in the case wherein the latter was plaintiff and Fred A. Prosser defendant.

T. B. Redfield of Sanger, formerly of this place, arrived in Madera a few days ago in response to a message sent him informing him of the serious illness of his father, O. T. Redfield.

J. E. Chapin of North Fork and H. Morton of the same place arrived in Madera yesterday and will remain a few days here attending to business matters.

The Board of Supervisors is in session this week.

Judge Conley yesterday granted a divorce to Merton V. Dutcher from Clara Dutcher on the ground of desertion. Mr. Dutcher was formerly connected with the Hughes hotel in Fresno.

Dr. W. A. Finley was yesterday appointed county school superintendent by the Board of Supervisors, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of B. A. Hawkins.

Judge Conley was occupied today hearing the testimony offered in the foreclosure suit brought by O. J. Woodward of Fresno against Fred A. Prosser et al. Judgment was rendered as prayed for.

The grand jury at their last session, when giving in their report, recommended that the ordinance relative to dogs in general be strictly enforced. This recommendation of the grand jury was well timed and quite proper, for Madera has more dogs to the square inch than any other town in the state. Some towns have dogs and dogs, but Madera has dogs galore. To the man or woman that is not consumed with a love for the animal, whose chief propensities seem to be that of howling, growling, fighting, scaring teams and pedestrians, and serving as a free omnibus for fleas and any other vermin that can hold their breath long enough to reach the next crossing, it is neither pleasant nor conducive to a hilarious state of feeling to have to walk around or through a lot of worthless curs while going down the main thoroughfare of the town.

Nor is that the worst feature of the promiscuous dog culture that has prevailed here, for within the last six weeks not less than six persons have been bitten by this much prized, but generally worthless, brute. Ambrose Bierce has said that a dog has four unmentionable practices. I do not know what practices in particular Ambrose made allusion to, but I will venture to suggest one which, perhaps, he overlooked, and that it is that it is nomentionable practice for the average town dog to even have an existence. Mr. Bierce, in the excess of his outraged feelings has even gone so far as to call him the base dog, the low dog, the damn dog. But it is hard to imagine what the gentleman would say if he lived in Madera and witnessed the daily increase of the mean dog, the cur dog, the mangy dog, the everywhere dog.

Some men love their dogs. Some men in Madera love their dogs. Some men want you also to love their dogs. They desire you to allow their dogs to lap you with their cool, clammy tongues, shortly after gnawing the business end of a decayed bone; it would fill their hearts with joy if you would allow said dog to gurgle his saliva over you and grant him the exquisite boon of rubbing his much beloved form against you, and in this manner exchange fleas with him. But, as I have before suggested, there are those who do not lie awake nights worrying about dogs, and such as they do not care to submit to the advances of the average dog. Therefore I would suggest that the action in re dogs be taken at once. A. R. ADAMS.

Madera, January 4, 1898.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Dr. O. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

FIXED BAYONETS

Guardsmen in Battle Array.

Captain Johnson Elected in a Hot Fight.

A Deadlock of Several Hours. Now Colonel Wright Will Not Resign.

From Thursday's Daily.

Captain W. A. Johnson of Stockton was elected lieutenant colonel of the Sixth regiment, N.G.C., to succeed Colin Chisholm, resigned. The election was the most hotly contested ever held in the regiment.

The candidates were Captain Johnson, who was nominated by Major Grant of Stockton, and Captain William H. Cook of Bakersfield, who was placed in nomination by Captain G. W. Jones of Fresno.

The first ballot resulted in a tie, the vote being 13 to 13. A deadlock of several hours' duration followed and not until this morning at 1 o'clock was it broken.

When Captain Johnson's supporters saw early in the evening that there was a deadlock they at once telegraphed to Merced for Second Lieutenant P. Vandenheuvel of Company H, the only company officer in the regiment who was not present at the meeting. He caught the train which arrived here at 1 o'clock and immediately proceeded to the armory and cast the vote that elected Captain Johnson.

The keenest interest was taken in the election. The friends of the Stockton candidate were confident that they would elect him, for they knew that the Merced lieutenant would vote for Johnson when he arrived. Captain Cook's supporters stood by him firmly, and their hope was based on the possibility that Lieutenant Vandenheuvel might not get here.

About 11 o'clock the officers began talking of effecting a compromise. The discussion became quite acrimonious at times, and Lieutenant Colonel Hay, who presided, had to call Major Grant to order for using violent language. Captain Johnson became indignant and wanted to quit, saying that he was not receiving fair treatment. He claimed to be entitled to the election because he was Cook's senior.

Captain Cook's supporters offered to give Johnson the lieutenant colonelcy if, when Colonel S. S. Wright resigned in the spring as he had announced he would, the southern part of the valley would be given the lieutenant colonelcy upon Johnson's promotion to the command. But the northern men would make no promises, and all efforts to reach an agreement were futile. Lieutenant J. D. Jones of Company F then announced that Colonel Wright would not resign as he had stated he would. Fresno will retain the regimental headquarters till his term expires, and not till then will Lieutenant Colonel Johnson have an opportunity to become commander of the regiment.

The voting was confined closely to battalion lines, as predicted in the REPUBLICAN yesterday. The officers of the First battalion were solid for Johnson, and those of the second stood determinedly for Cook. There are twelve officers in each battalion. Colonel Wright cast the thirteenth vote for Cook, while Major Grant and Major Whitmore were for Johnson, making 14 votes for the Stockton man.

The following were the officers who participated in the election:

Colonel S. S. Wright, Major G. G. Grant, Major R. K. Whitmore.

Company A—Captain W. A. Johnson, First Lieutenant C. H. Dasher, Second Lieutenant G. L. Doll.

Company B—Captain William Bruce, First Lieutenant P. M. Duffy, Second Lieutenant L. A. Eaton.

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Company F—Captain G. W. Jones, First Lieutenant E. T. Wolcott, Second Lieutenant J. W. Collins.

Company G—Captain William H. Cook, First Lieutenant H. A. Blodgett, Second Lieutenant F. G. Munzer.

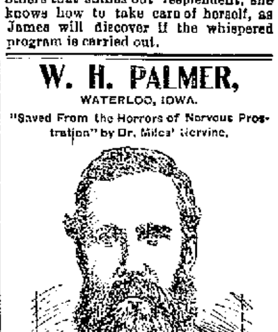
Company H—Captain A. S. Guthrie, First Lieutenant A. C. Corwin, Second Lieutenant P. Vandenheuvel.

A Warning to "Our Jim."

From the Pasadena News.

If report speaks truly, there will be a hot time when Governor Budd reaches Whittier next month. They do say that "Our Jeemes" is very desirous of making a record in "Steve" White's territory and that he proposes to rip, snort and tear things all to pieces at the state school. The chief executive is said to be loaded for the Mitchell faction, and a hot time is in prospect. Mrs. John W. Mitchell has one quality above all others that shines out resplendent, she knows how to take care of herself, as James will discover if the whispered program is carried out.

W. H. PALMER,
WATERLOO, IOWA.
"Saved From the Horrors of Nervous Prostration" by Dr. Miles' Nervine.



A COUGH does not always indicate consumption. Mr. W. H. Palmer, of Waterloo, Iowa, writes: "I was taken with a nervous stricture of the bronchial tubes, which developed into nervous prostration. I was so weak I could not sit up. I got no sleep for days except when under the influence of opiates. For four months I suffered agonies and prayed that I might die and be at rest. One physician said I had consumption, for I had a cough that gave me no rest. But a good old physician whose medicine had failed, advised me to use Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and I thank God that it has brightened my days, lengthened my life and saved me from the horrors of nervous prostration."

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